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KARASUMA

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AMAMIYA
KYOUKA

WEAPON
White Raptor

STATUS
Avatar

Pass by. Do Nothing.

Call out to her.

Hug her out of the blue.

Control Amamiya Kyouka.

KYOUKA



What...?

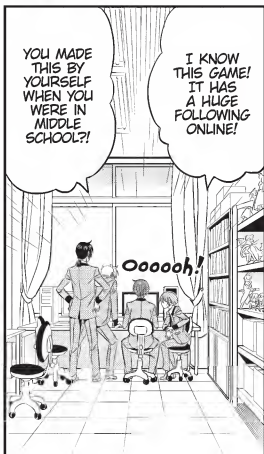
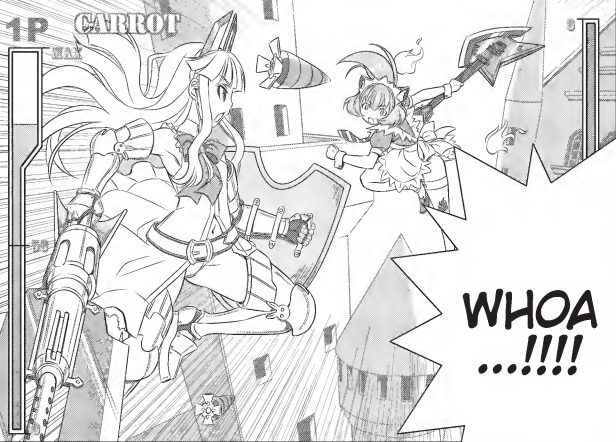


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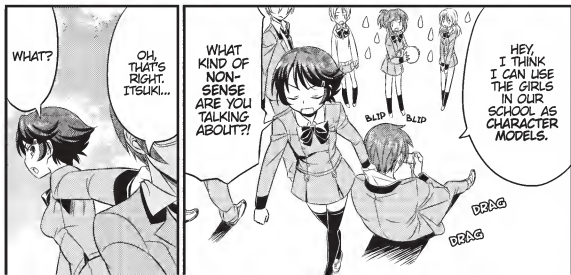




CHAPTER 1

I'LL
MAKE
THEM!!
ALL OF
THEM!!!!









THE ONLY
GAMES I
PLAY ARE
CASUAL
ONES.



THAT'S
ONE OF
MINE.

INSTEAD
OF JUST
ANOTHER
OTAKU GENRE
GAME, YOU
SHOULD
MAKE SOME-
THING LIKE
THIS.

THEY'RE
GOOD FOR
PASSING
THE TIME
WHILE
YOU'RE
WAITING
TO MEET
UP WITH
FRIENDS.



YOU CAN
ALREADY
DO THIS
MUCH.
WHAT
MORE
DO YOU
WANT...?

I don't
get it
at all...

RIGHT
NOW, I
WANT TO
CHALLENGE
MYSELF
WITH
VARIOUS
GENRES...

I NEED
THE
MONEY
TO KEEP
MAKING
NEW
GAMES,
AFTER
ALL.

I SELL
VARIOUS
ONES THAT
I MAKE ON
THE SIDE.

SAY
WHAT
...?

I have the
source code.
Want to
see?





HMM...



ARE ALL GIRLS THAT CONFUSING?

I DON'T GET HOW ITSUKI'S MIND WORKS.



WELL, IT'S FINE. I CAN FIND OUT ABOUT GAMES BY USING OTHER GAMES.



FOR NOW, I'LL HAVE TO DO SOME RESEARCH.

Y!! TA-DAAA!



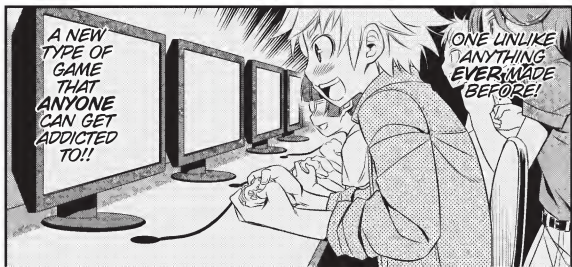


**THE
ULTIMATE**

...

THAT'S
RIGHT.
I HAVE A
DREAM!

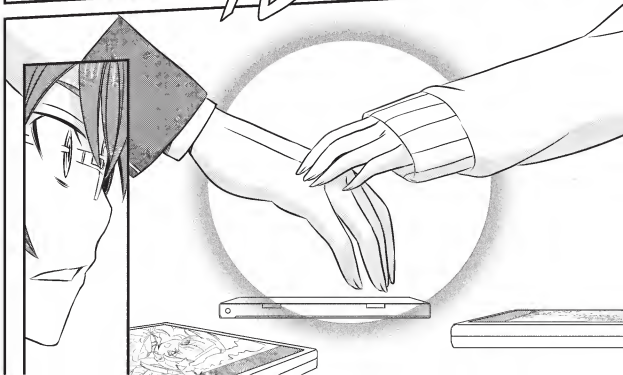
GAME!!!

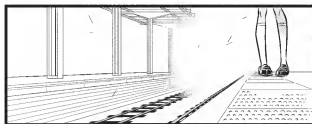


A NEW
TYPE OF
GAME
THAT
ANYONE
CAN GET
ADDICTED
TO!!

ONE UNLIKE
ANYTHING
EVER MADE
BEFORE!





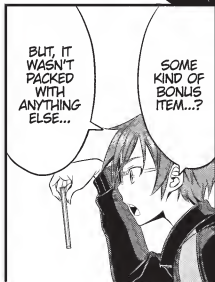




WELL,
THEN.



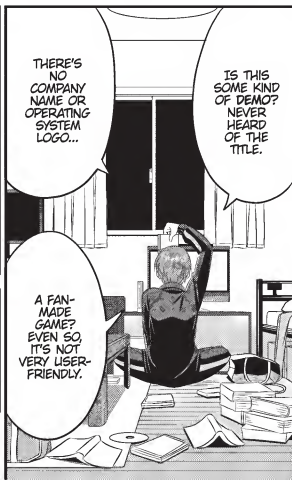
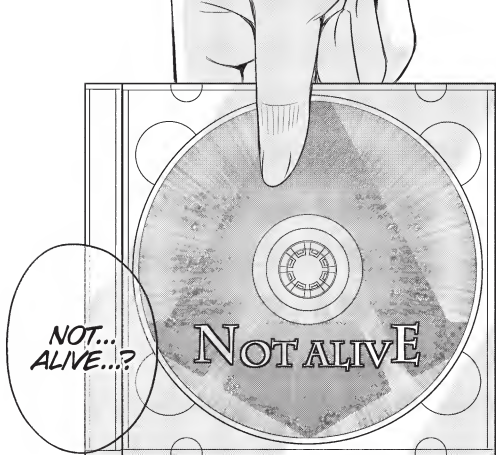
I DIDN'T
GET VERY
MANY.
AT THIS
RATE, I'LL
FINISH UP
QUICKLY...

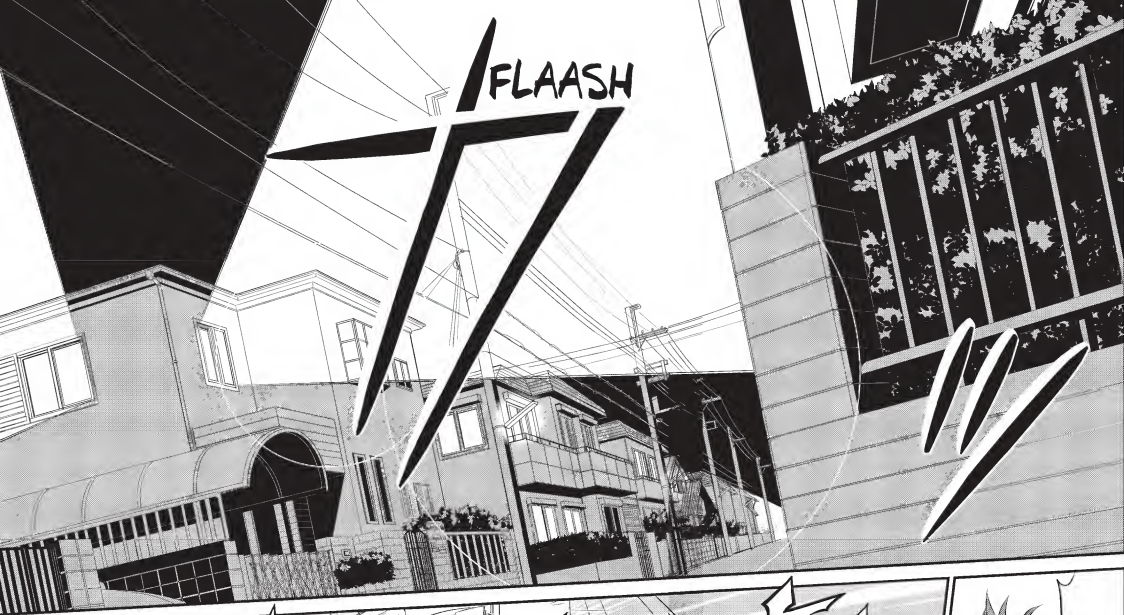


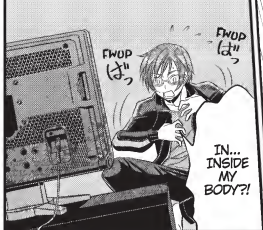
SOME
KIND OF
BONUS
ITEM...?

WHAT'S
THIS?

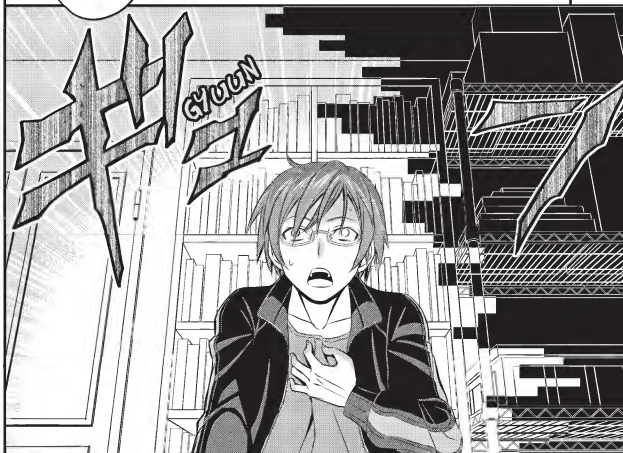
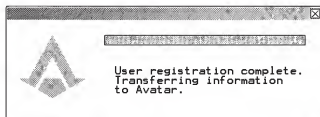








USER...
REGIS-
TRATION
...?



HUH?

AH---!!

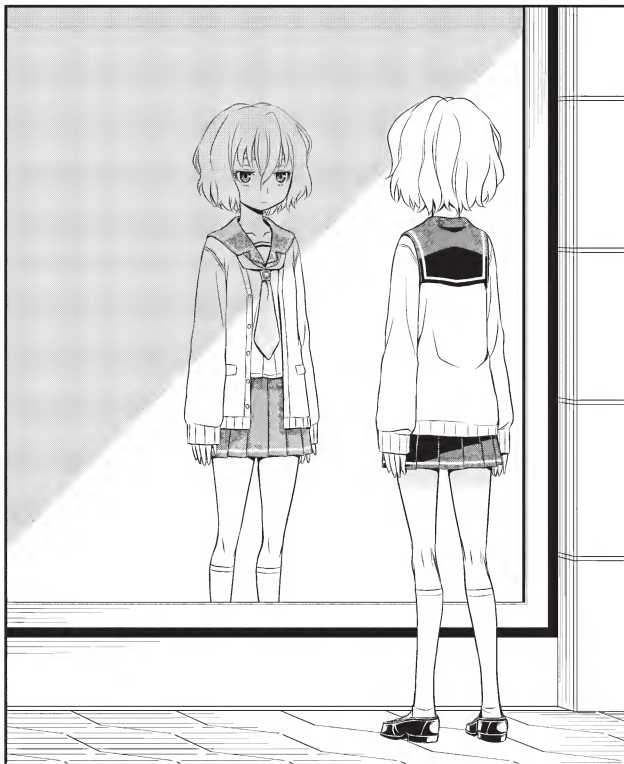
THIS IS
UNREAL
--!

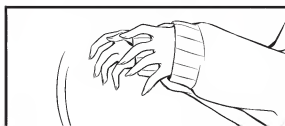
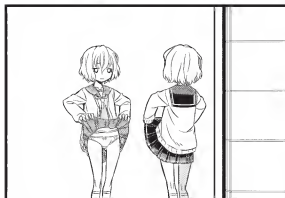
I DON'T
GET
WHAT'S
GOING
ON!

CRACKLE

FWUP

AA-
AAA-
AAH
?!!







**I'VE
BECOME
A GIRL!!**

YII DU-DUUN



**I TOUCHED A
GAME DISC,
THEN ALL OF
THIS CRAZY
CRAP STARTED
HAPPENING
AND....!!**

**I DIDN'T
SIGN UP
FOR THIS!
WHAT IN
THE WORLD
IS HAPPEN-
ING?!**

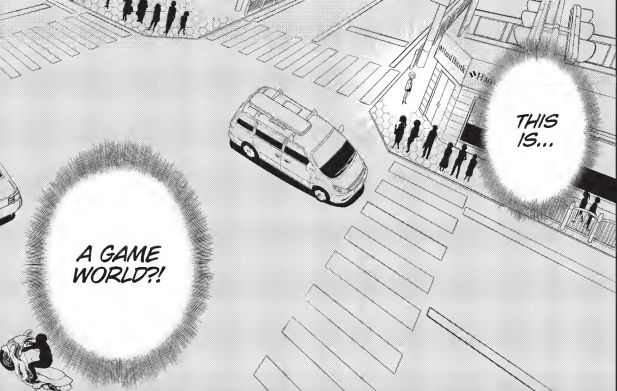


TURN



"GAME"?!

**IT CAN'T
BE....!!**



**A GAME
WORLD?!**

**THIS
IS...**



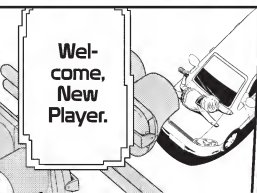
**EVERYTHING
LOOKS
SO REAL!
THE DETAIL!
THE FEEL!!**

**HOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN
...?!**

**Wah
ha
ha!**

Woooo!

Oooooh!

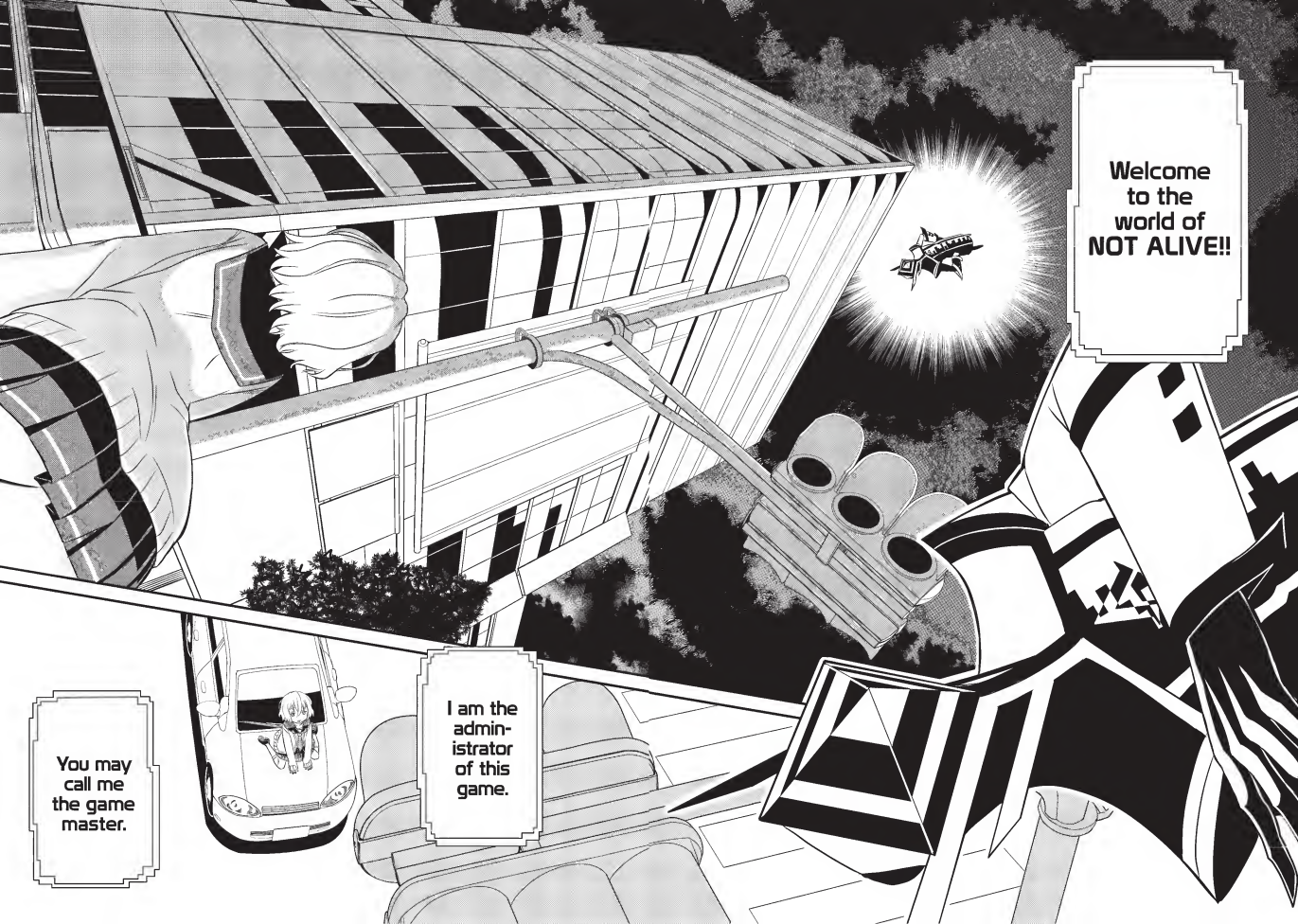


**Wel-
come,
New
Player.**



**IF
THAT'S
THE
CASE...**

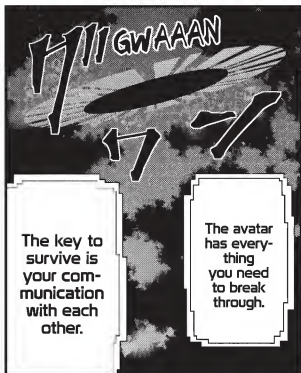
**THIS IS
AMAZING
!!!**



Welcome
to the
world of
NOT ALIVE!!

I am the admin-
istrator
of this
game.

You may
call me
the game
master.



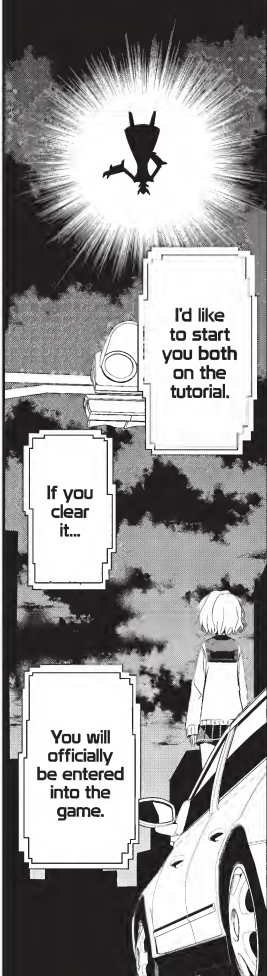
The key to survive is your communication with each other.

The avatar has everything you need to break through.



A GAME
.....!!!

SO
THIS IS
A GAME,
AFTER
ALL!!



I'd like to start you both on the tutorial.

If you clear it...

You will officially be entered into the game.

A GAME I'VE NEVER
SEEN BEFORE.
A GAME I'VE NEVER
TOUCHED BEFORE.
A GAME I'VE NEVER
EXPERIENCED
BEFORE.

THEN,
LET US
BEGIN.

わく
THUMP

THUMP
わく

THUMP
わく

A GAME I
WANTED TO MAKE.
A GAME I HAD BEEN
SEARCHING FOR.
A GAME I WANTED
IS ALL RIGHT HERE!!





HUH?

THE
LINK HAS
FINALLY
STABI-
LIZED.

I MADE
IT...

WHA...?
WHO SAID
THAT?

DON'T
ACT ON
YOUR OWN TOO
MUCH.

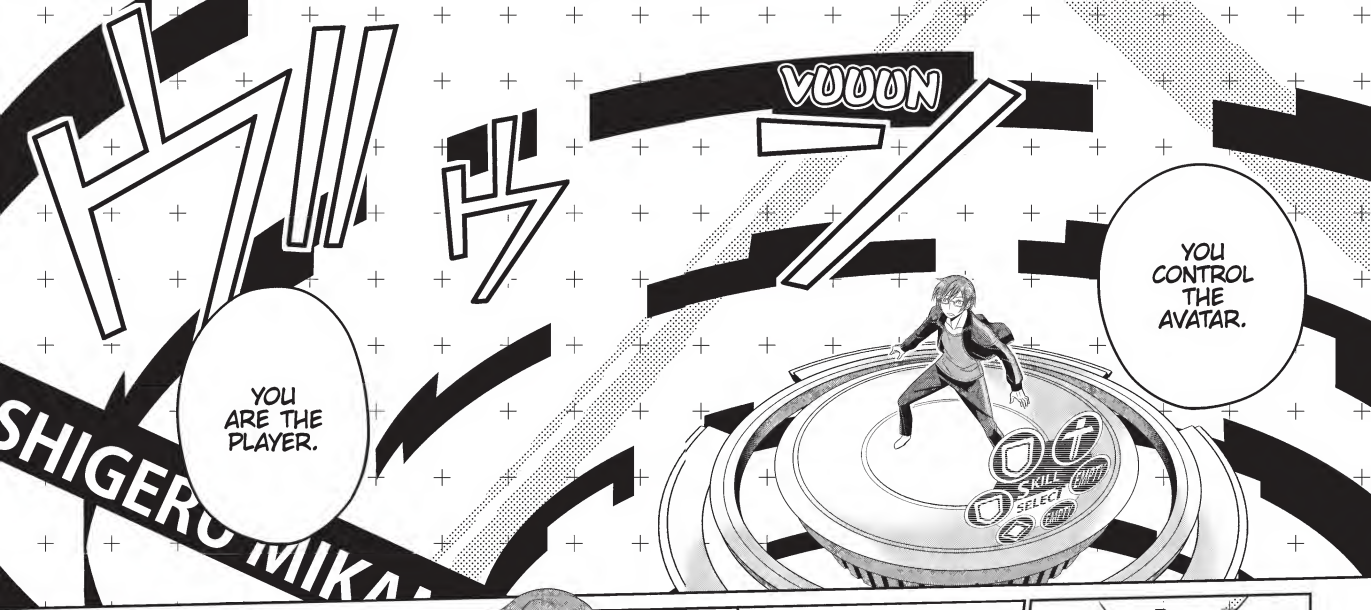


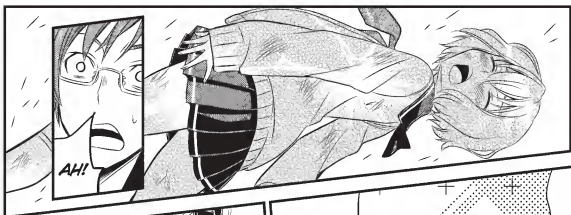
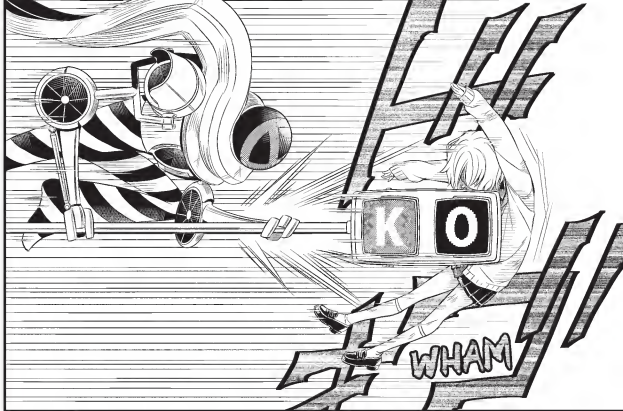
RIGHT
NOW, YOU
JUST
EXIST AS
A CON-
SCIOUS-
NESS.

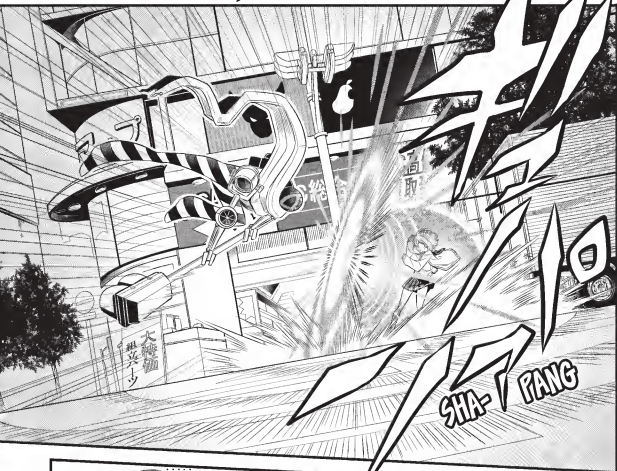
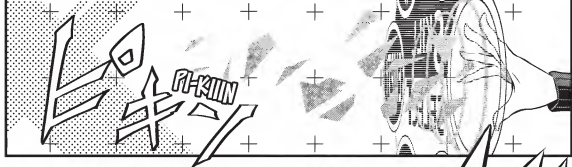
I AM
AN
AVATAR.

AN
AI...?!

RISE
IV





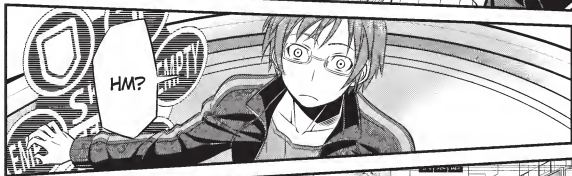


I
ACTIVATED
A SHIELD!
AND
WHAT'S
THIS ONE?!

SO
THIS
IS A
SKILL!

WHOOO-
AAA!

.....
?!





KOFF

KOFF

OWIN!
TALK ABOUT
HEAVY
DAMAGE!!

.....
!



BUT,
YOU'RE
PRETTY
TOUGH.



とん GLOOOOOMん

LISTEN
TO ME.

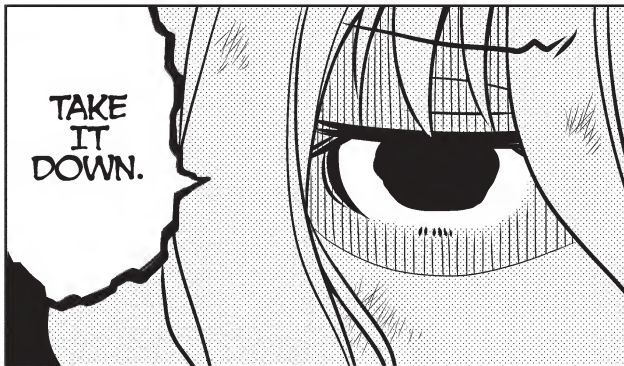


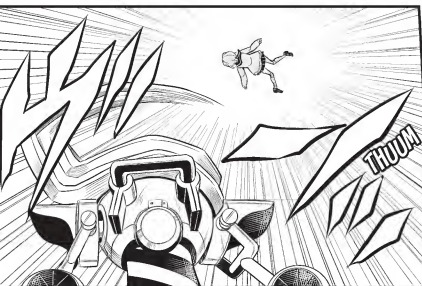
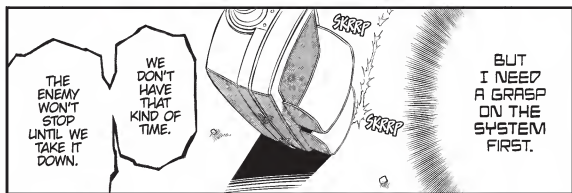
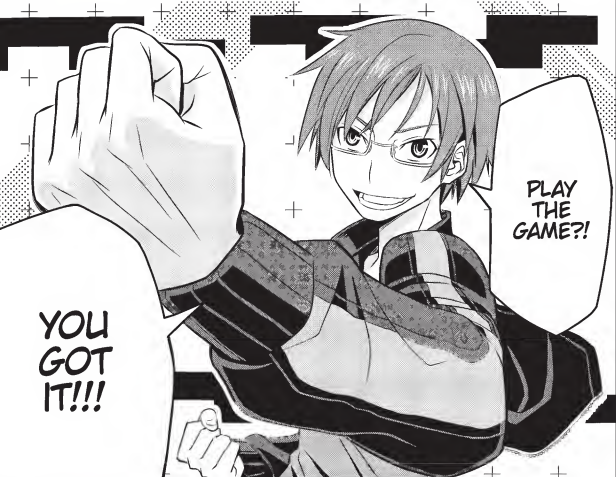
THEY
CALLED
THIS A
TUTORIAL.
MAYBE WE
SHOULD
TEST YOUR
ENDUR-
ANCE...

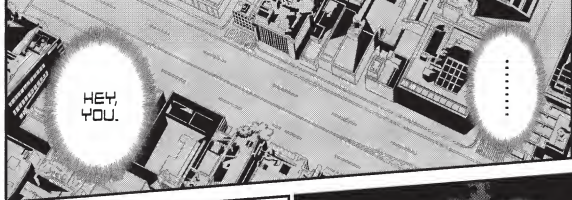
Ow, ow, ow...

I DON'T
SEE
A HIT
POINT
GAUGE...









HEY,
YOU.

.....



DON'T
GIVE
UP.

MUM-
BLE

THIS
ISN'T
HOW IT
WAS
SLIP-
POSED
TO GO...



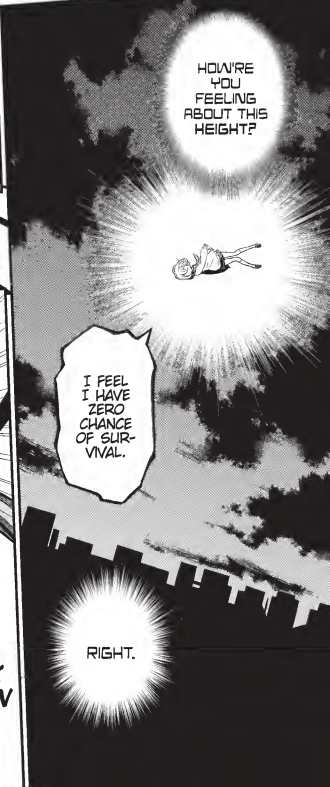
I'VE
GOT
DOWN
PAT...

YOU
SEE...



THUMP

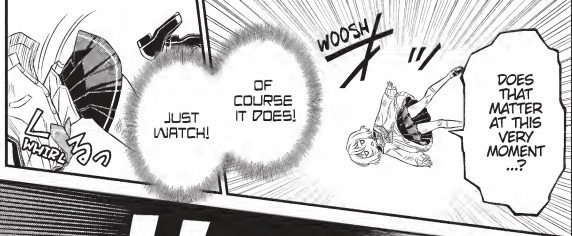
HIS
ATTACK
PATTERN
!!



HOW'RE
YOU
FEELING
ABOUT THIS
HEIGHT?

I FEEL
I HAVE
ZERO
CHANCE
OF SUR-
VIVAL.

RIGHT.

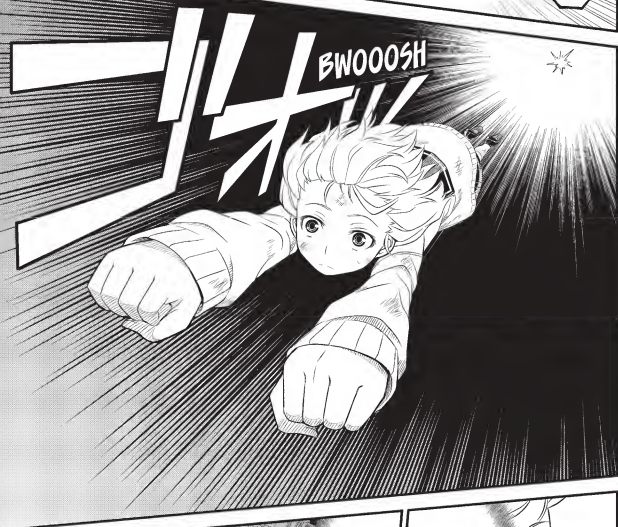


JUST
WATCH!

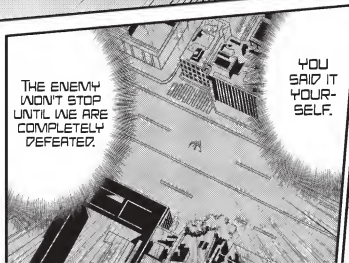
OF
COURSE
IT DOES!

WOOSH

DOES
THAT
MATTER
AT THIS
VERY
MOMENT
...?



BWOOOSH



THE ENEMY
WON'T STOP
UNTIL WE ARE
COMPLETELY
DEFEATED.

YOU
SAID IT
YOUR-
SELF.



WE'RE
COUNTER-
ING, OF
COURSE!

WHAT
--?!

WE'RE
CLEARLY
STILL
ABLE TO
FIGHT.

THEN IT
WON'T
PASS UP
THIS
CHANCE,
RIGHT?

NO...
YOU
GUIDED
IT?!

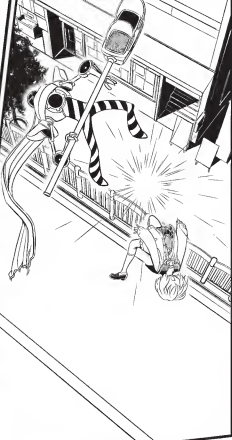
YOU
READ
HIS
MOVE-
MENTS
...?!

SHA-

PANG

VWUP

IT'LL
COME TO
FINISH US
OFF!!



YES!
A
CHANCE!!

WAIT!

THWUF

YOU'RE
ALREADY
USING THE
PROPERTIES
OF THE
SHIELD
TO OUR
ADVANTAGE!!



YOU
SLOWED
OUR FALL
WITH THE
ENEMY'S
ATTACK?!

I MAKE
A LOT
OF
GAMES.

I PLAY
A LOT
OF
GAMES.

TINK

I AM
MIKAMI
SHIGERU--
A HIGH
SCHOOL
BOY THAT
LOVES
VIDEO
GAMES!

WHO
ARE
YOU?!

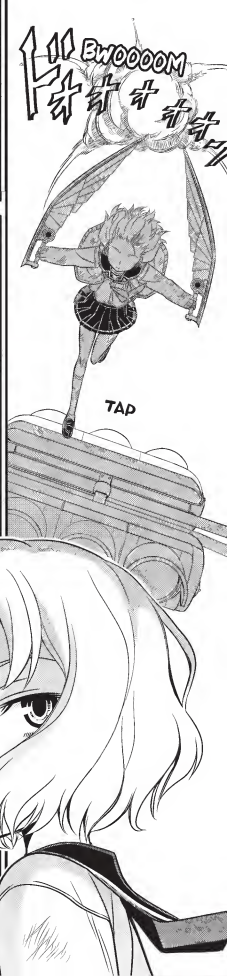
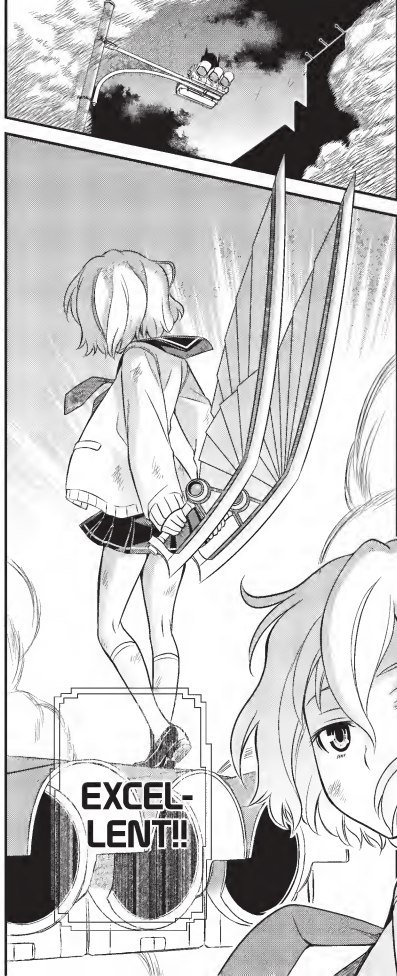




AND I
CON-
QUER...

EVERY
SINGLE
GAME!

SHWING



However,
I believe
you will
rise your
way up to
victory!!

There
will be
various
hurdles
before
you!

I accept
your
entrance
into the
game!

I pray
for your
victory in
battle!!

Grasp
your wish
with your
own
hands!

#1 TWIIIM

TIME TO
EXPERI-
MENT
WITH THIS
SYSTEM!!

SHINK

ALL
RIGHT.
THEY'RE
OUT OF
OUR HAIR!

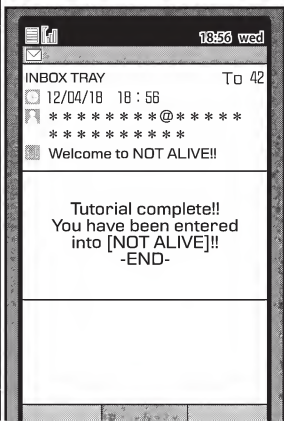
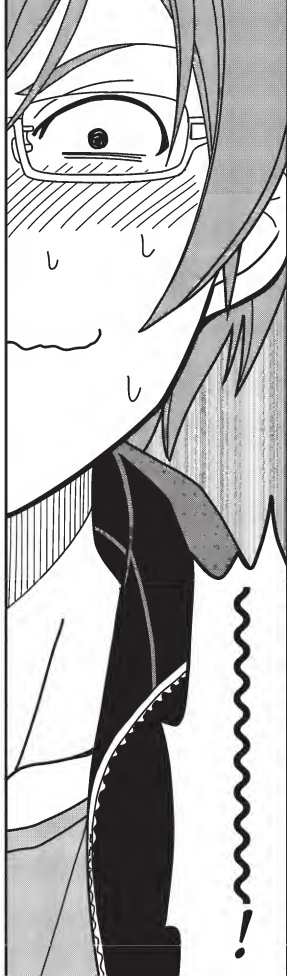
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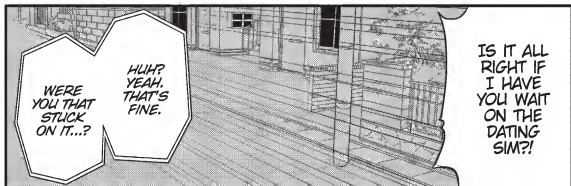
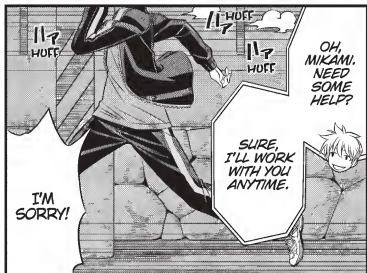
WAIT--!

HUH
...?

HMM?









I WANT
TO KNOW
MORE
ABOUT THAT
MYSTERIOUS
GAME!!!!



HEY!
CALM
DOWN!

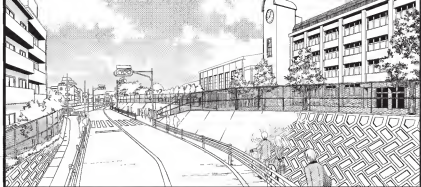
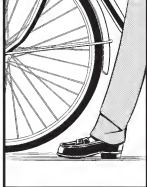
I'VE
NEVER
EXPERI-
ENCED
A GAME
LIKE THAT
BEFORE!!



I WANT
TO
KNOW!



I WANT
TO KNOW
MORE!!

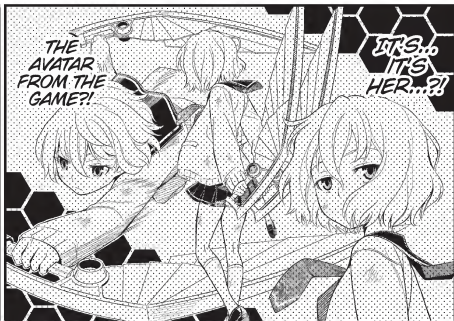
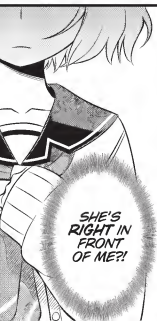


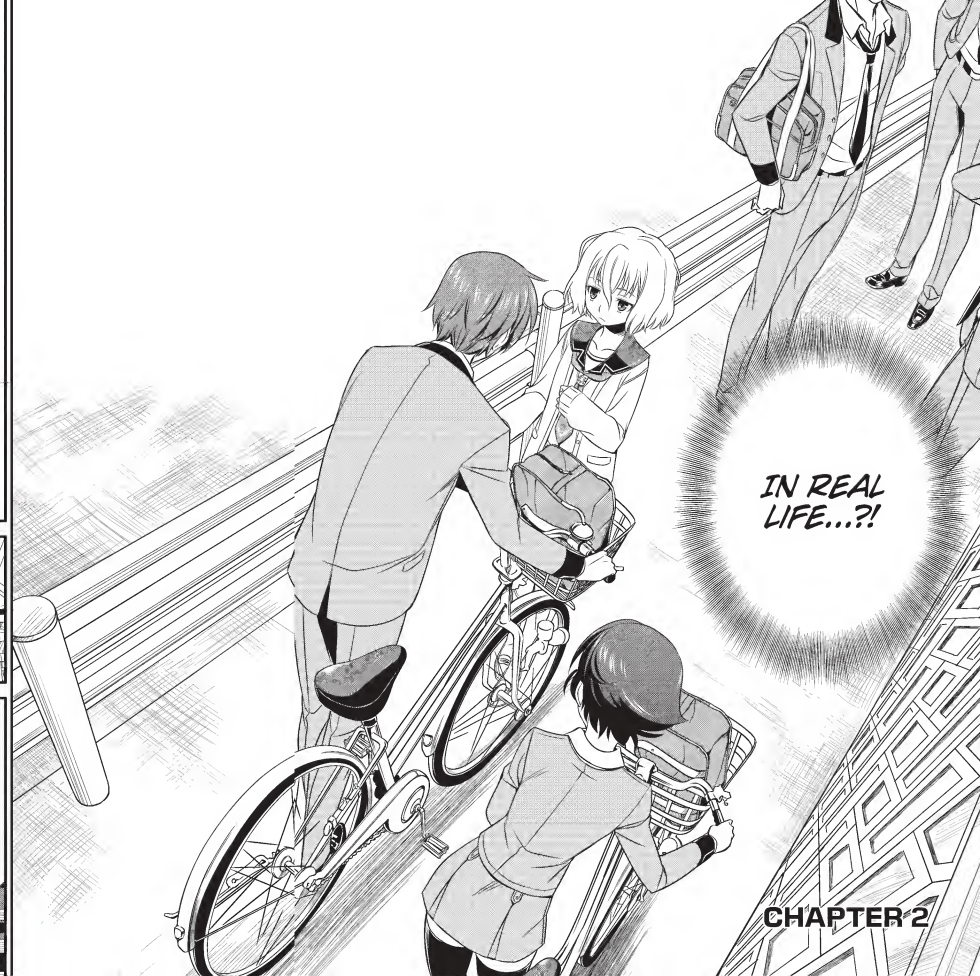
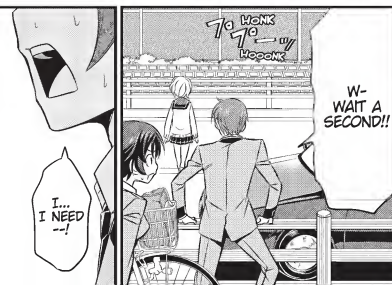
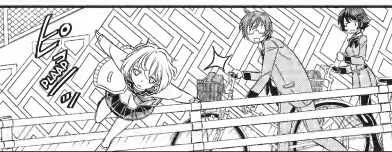




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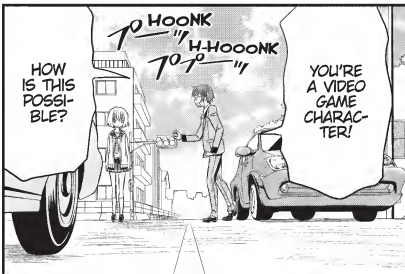






HOW
ARE YOU
IN THIS
WORLD?

I
MEAN
....!



HOW
IS THIS
POSSIBLE?

TO HOONK
"H-HOOONK
TO TO TO"

YOU'RE
A VIDEO
GAME
CHARAC-
TER!



IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE
A REAL
GIRL--



YEAH,
YEAH...
EXCUSES
LATER.

BUT...
BUT
THIS IS
REALITY!!

70
!//
HONNK

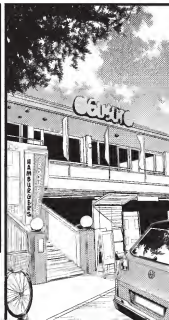
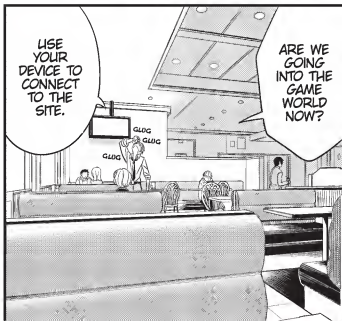
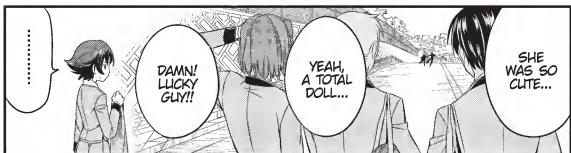
A GAME!
A
GAAAME!

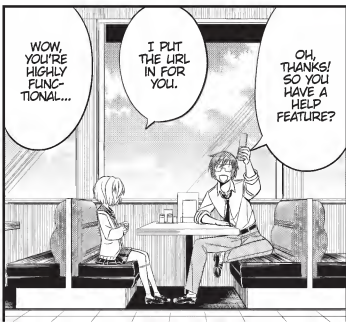
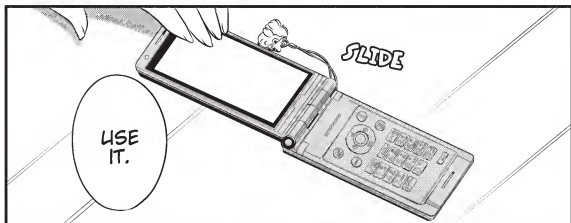
70 HONK
70 HOOONK
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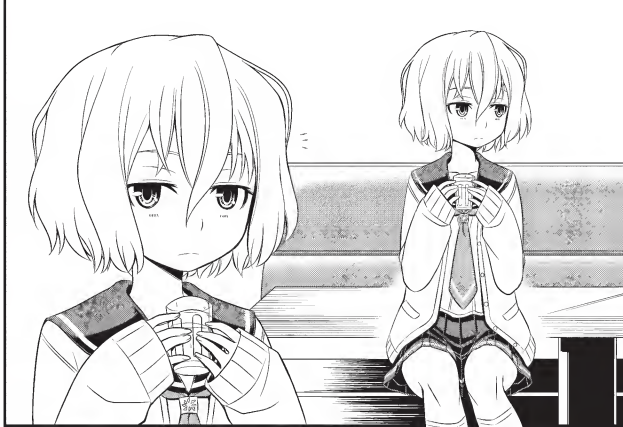
DRAG
DRAG

LEARN THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
REALITY
AND
FANTASY!!

YOU
LIST
--?









ASK ME
POINTLESS
QUESTIONS
LATER.

FOR NOW,
FOLLOW MY
INSTRUCTIONS.



LET ME
TELL YOU
NOW.

THERE
IS ONLY
ONE THING
YOU NEED
TO DO.

YOU HAVE
TO CLEAR
THE GAME
NOT ALIVE.



WE NEED
A WALK-
THROUGH
TO CLEAR
THE
GAME?



WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



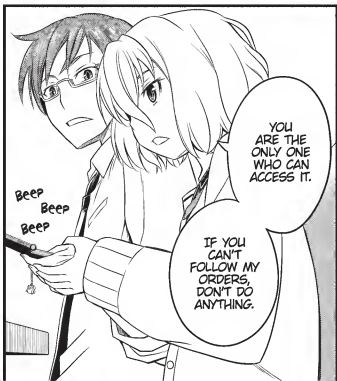
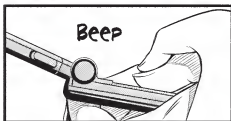
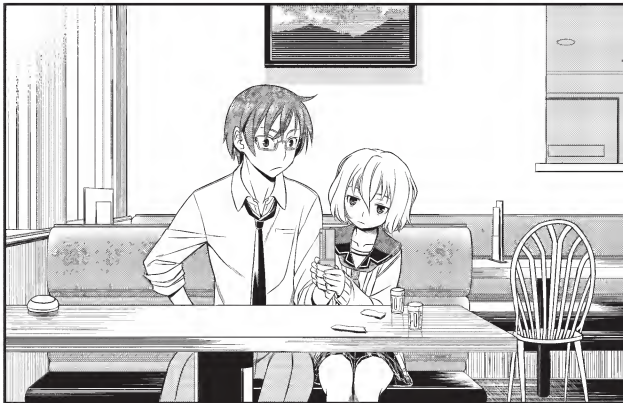
AT LEAST
HAND ME
A GAME
MANUAL.

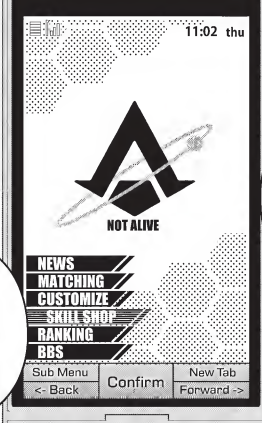
BUT...
I NEED
TO UNDER-
STAND THE
SITUATION.



CLATTER

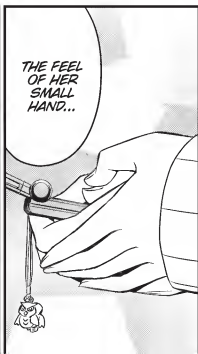
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
I MEAN,
DO YOU
HAVE ONE
BUILT IN?





YOU HAVE
TO SPEND
PLAYER
POINTS TO
OBTAIN
THEM.

THIS IS
WHERE
YOU INPUT
GAME
SKILLS.











HUH?
WAIT--!



NOW
I'M EVEN
MORE
INTERESTED
IN YOU!

AS
EXPECTED
OF A
COMPU-
TERIZED
BRAIN!



WHAT
DID WE
COME
HERE
TO DO?



FOLLOW
MY
INSTRUC-
TIONS.

I'LL
TELL YOU
AGAIN.

OTHER-
WISE...

YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
WIN FROM
HERE ON
OUT.





TRUTH
IS...

HUH?
YOU WERE
TESTING MY
SKILLS?

BUT,
WHY
WOULD
YOU...?

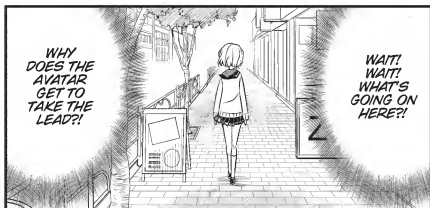
YOU
PROBABLY
WON BY
ACCIDENT
YESTER-
DAY.

RUSTLE
アアア



YOU SAY
THAT, BUT
I'M THE
PLAY--

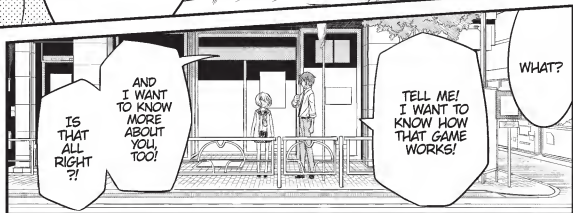
PLEASE.





YOU
HAVE TO
LISTEN TO
SOMETHING
I SAY,
TOO!!

OKAY
THEN!
A TRADE!



IS
THAT
ALL
RIGHT
?!

AND
I WANT
TO KNOW
MORE
ABOUT
YOU,
TOO!

TELL ME!
I WANT TO
KNOW HOW
THAT GAME
WORKS!

WHAT?

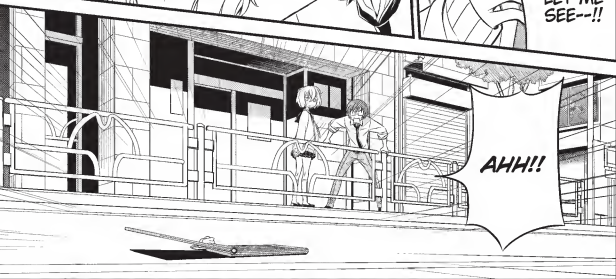
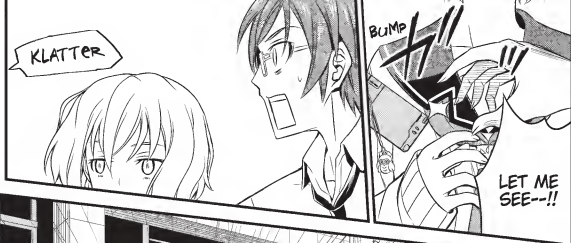


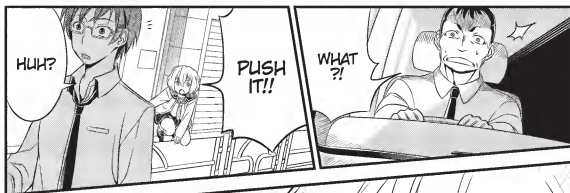
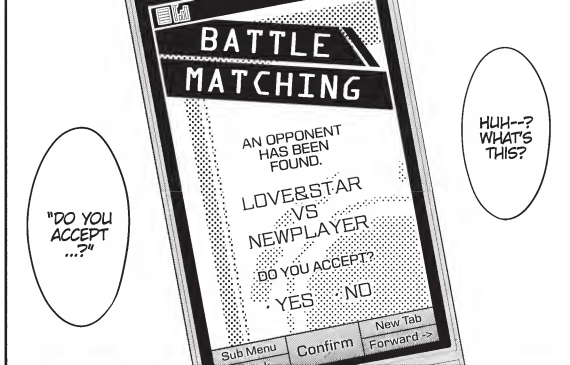
YEAH!
I WANT
TO KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT YOUR
BODY!

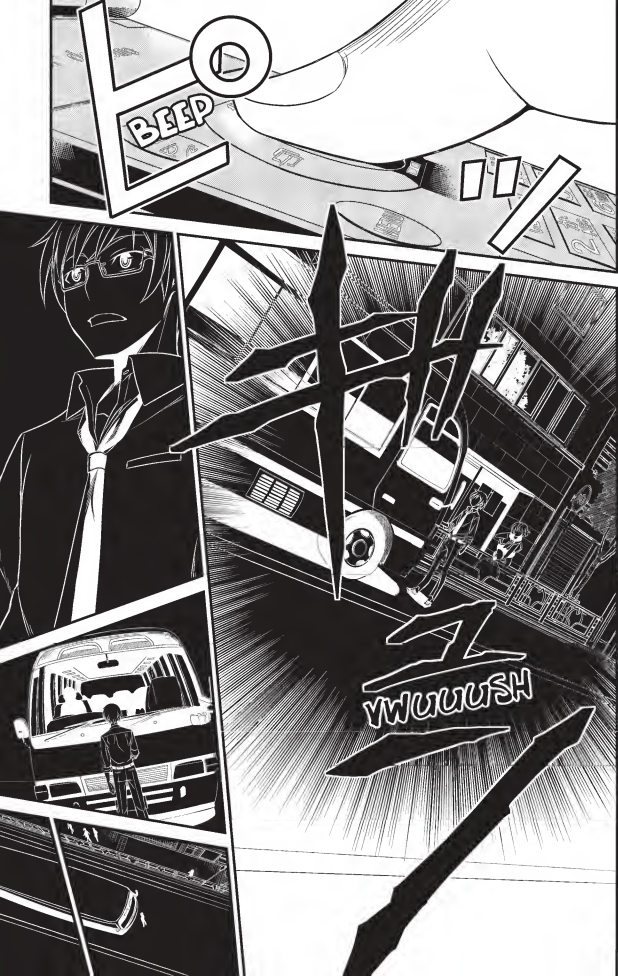
YOU
MEAN,
HOW...

I
WORK?





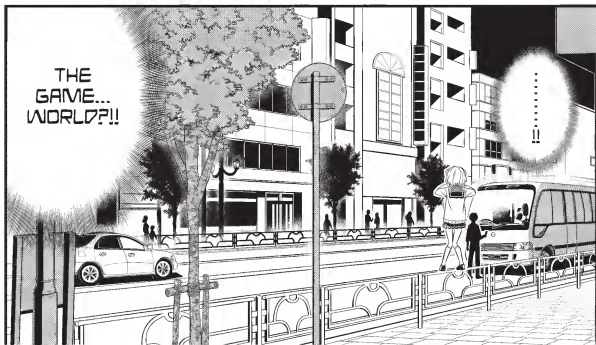






PIIIING







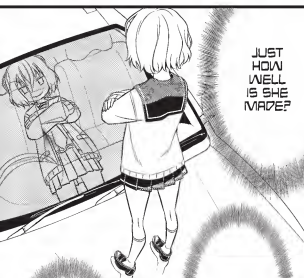
THIS
FEELING!

A REAL
GAME
CHARACTER
FEELS SO
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT!!

HERE...
IT'S HERE!
IT'S HERE!
IT'S
HEEEERE!!



I WAS
WAITING
FOR
THIS!!!



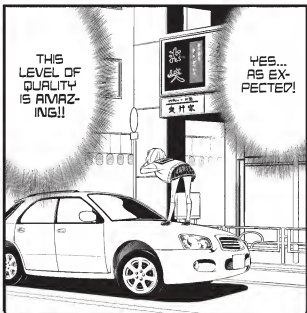
JUST
HOW
WELL
IS SHE
MADE?

PULLLLL



THIS
LEVEL OF
QUALITY
IS AMAZ-
ING!!

YES...
AS EX-
PECTED!



TIME TO
EXAMINE
HER!!

ALL RIGHT!
NOW'S MY
CHANCE!

LOU
TWITCH



HUH?!

／＼
BLIP

.....
?

WHY DID
EVERYTHING
BLACK
OUT...?
A BUG?!

THIS
ISN'T
WHAT
YOU
PROM-
ISED...

TH-
THIS
IS...!!

.....
!!

DAMN!
SHE HAS
POWER
OVER HER
OWN
EYESIGHT!!

WOBBLE
WOBBLE

LISTEN
TO ME
FIRST.

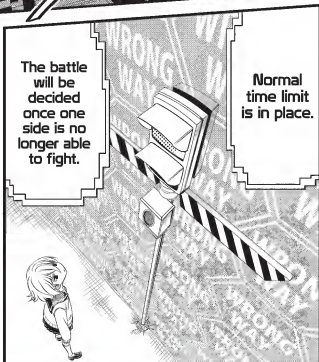
FLOP

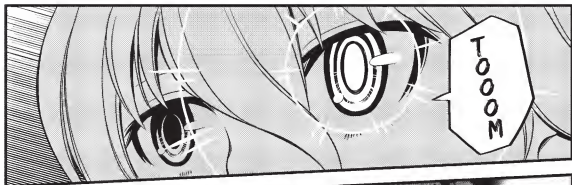
THUNK

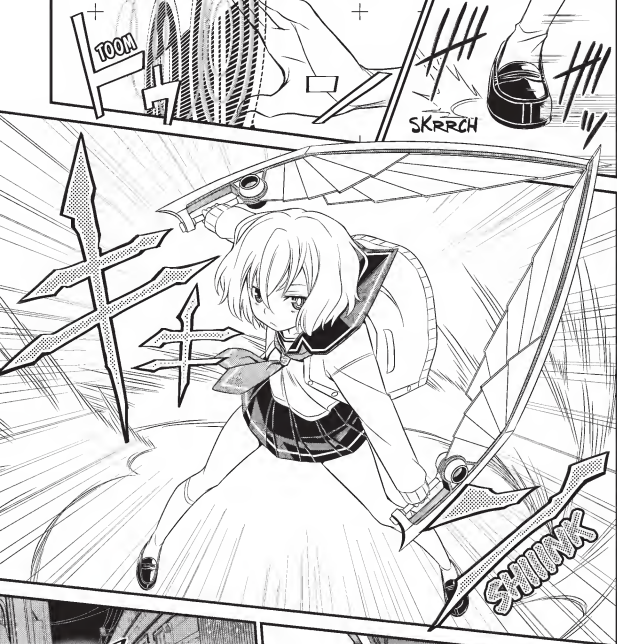




Let the battle commence.







IS
SOMEONE
THERE...?

LI-
UM...

TREMBLE

70%
TREMBLE

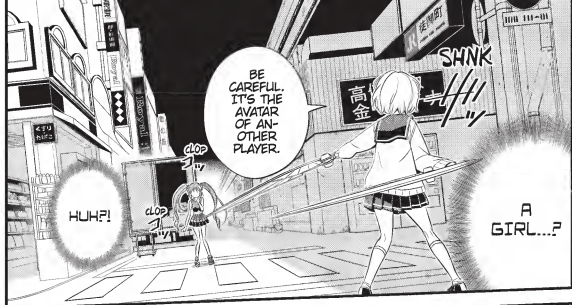
しわ
WHIMPER

A
GIRL...?



NOT LIVES
ノットライヴス







CHAPTER 3



I WAS
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF A
CHEER
SEQUENCE...

A
HUMAN?!



WHA...?



HOW
SHOULD
I PUT
IT...

FLINCH

I-IT
SEEMS,
I...

THEN,
SUDDENLY,
I'M SUCKED
INTO THIS
WEIRD GAME
WORLD!



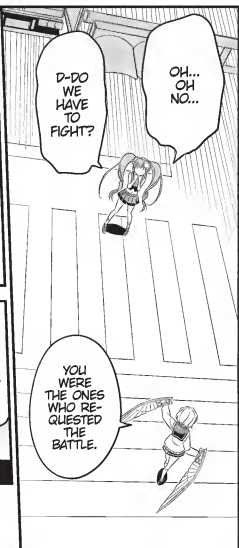
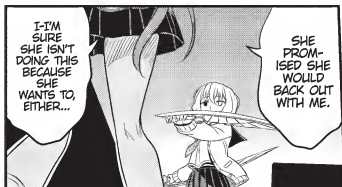
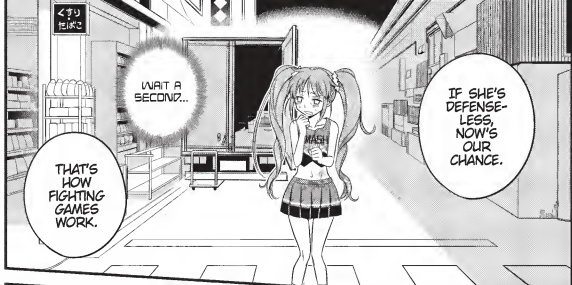
WHAT'S
SHE
SAYING?
SHE'S NOT
A GAME
CHAR-
ACTER?!

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.



SHE
WAS
MADE
INTO AN
AVATAR
?!

I WAS
TURNED
INTO AN
AVATAR,
OR SOME-
THING.





WAIT!
I DON'T
GET
WHAT'S
GOING
ON!!

SHINK

SHE'S
COMING
CLOSER!
USE IT!!



THE
QUALITY
I FELT.
IT CAN'T
BE...

W-
WAIT A
SECOND
...



AND THE
OPPONENT...
ISN'T A
GAME
CHARAC-
TER?!

P-
PLAYERS
AND
AVATARS...

THERE
ARE
OTHER
ENTRANTS
...?!

!!



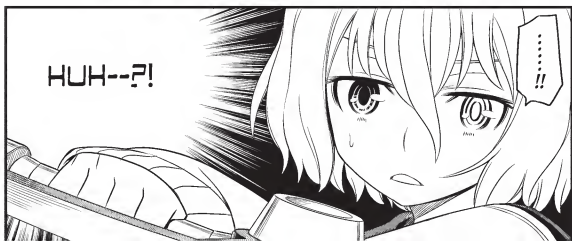
S-SO
PLEASE
...

WE
DON'T
WANT
TO FIGHT
ANYMORE!

H-HEY!
YOU'RE
HIDING
SOMETHING
FROM ME...

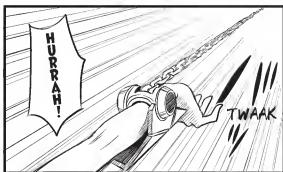
CLENCH

PLEASE
LISTEN
TO ME!!

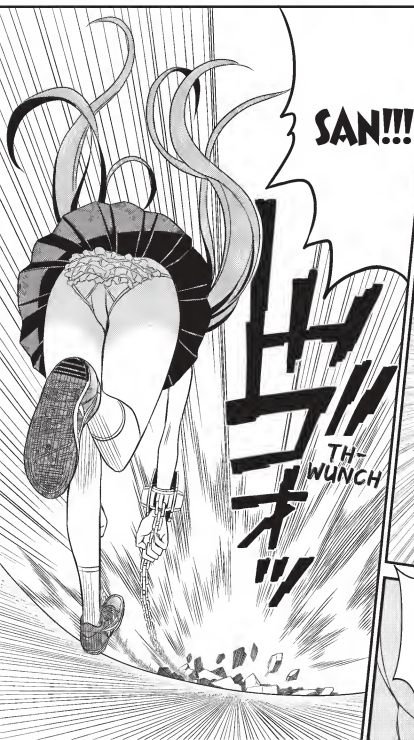




HURRAH!



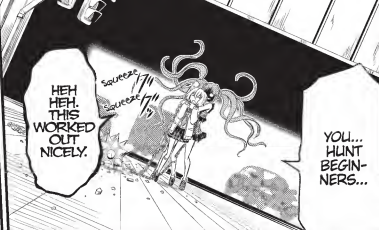
HURRAH!







SO MANY
BEGIN-
NERS FALL
FOR THAT
SAME
TRICK.



HEH
HEH. THIS
WORKED
OUT
NICELY.

YOU...
HUNT
BEGIN-
NERS...



GAH
....!

OH.
YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW,
DID
YOU?

THIS
GAME.

PEOPLE
KILL EACH
OTHER
IN IT.



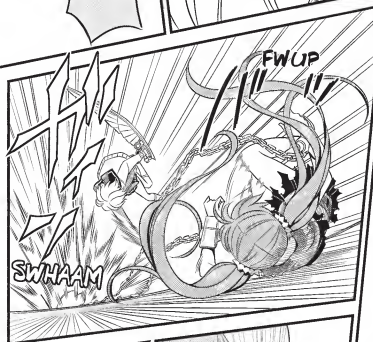
YOU
SHOULD'VE
GOTTEN
CLOSER,
SINCE
YOU HAVE
CLOSE-
RANGE
WEAPONS.

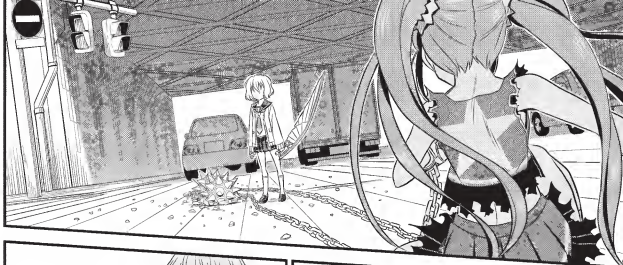
WELL,
IT'S TOO
LATE TO
REGRET
THINGS
NOW...



MY
WEAPON
IS LARGE,
SO OUR
DISTANCE
PLAYS
A REALLY
IMPORTANT
ROLE.

WELL,
YOUR
IGNOR-
ANCE
GAVE
ME AN
OPENING.





HM?



....

IT LOOKS
LIKE SHE
RAN OUT OF
RANGE OF
HER COPY.

7
JANGLE

IT
CAN'T
BE.

THEY...
RAN?

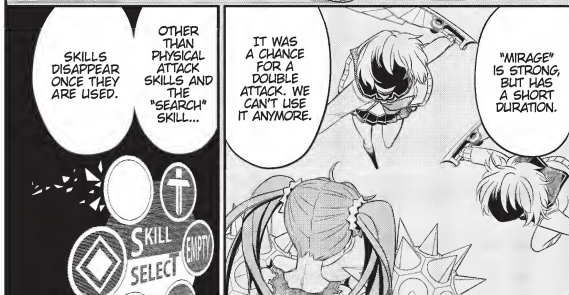
EMBAR-
RASSED
BY A
BEGINNER...
UNFORGIV-
ABLE.

SHUUUUU



I DIDN'T THINK
THEY'D USE
A HIGH-LEVEL
SKILL LIKE
THAT. WE GOT
CARELESS...









WHY ARE
PEOPLE
KILLING
EACH
OTHER?!

YOU'RE
HUMAN
TOO,
AREN'T
YOU?!

HOW...
HOW
COULD
YOU...?!

BUT,
YOU...



FOR WHAT
REASON
COULD YOU
POSSIBLY--

WHY
ARE YOU
SO CALM
ABOUT
THIS?!



BUT
I...

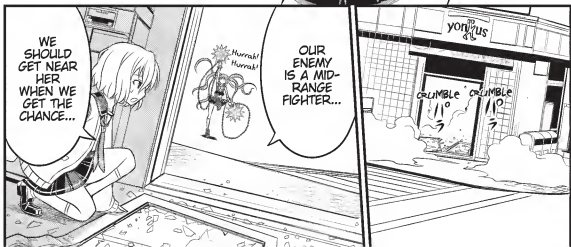
I DON'T
EXPECT
YOU TO
UNDER-
STAND.

I HAVE
SOME-
THING I
NEED TO
DO...

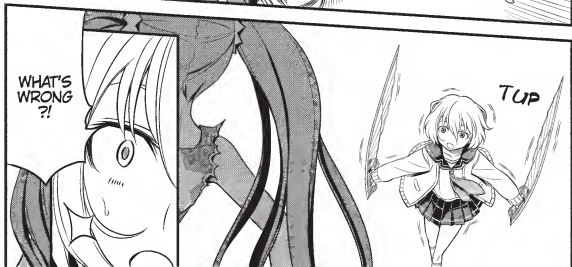
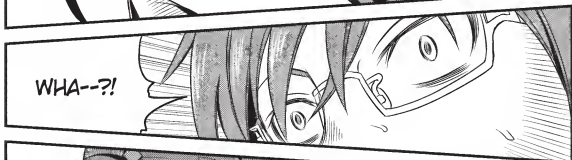
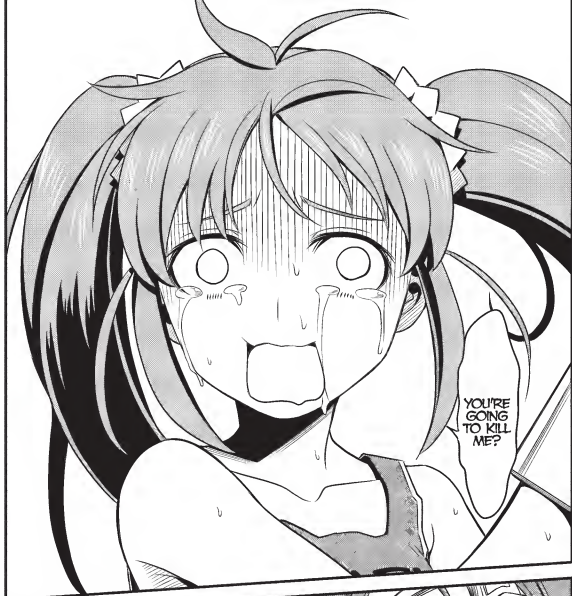
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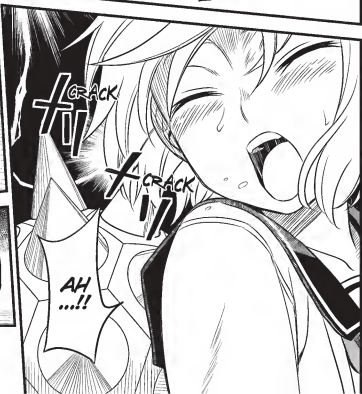
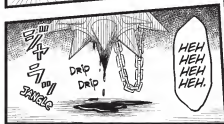
GRP
G
R
P













YOU
HAVE
TO
KILL
OR
YOU'LL
BE
KILLED
~!

IT
SOUNDS
EASY,
BUT
IT'S
ACTUALLY
PRETTY
HARD~!



WE
CAN
DO
THIS,
SHOIKO-
CHAN!
TOTAL
VICTO-
RYYYY-!!

FU FU FU.
IT
LOOKS
LIKE
THEY
DON'T
HAVE
"SHIELD"
ANYMORE.

STUPID
STUPID
STUPID
STUPID
STUPID!!



WHUNK





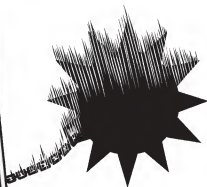
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?!

I'M GOING TO DIE?!





I CAN
ONLY
DEPEND
ON YOU,
NOW.



I...



GYA-HA!
IT'S
GAME...



OVER
!!!







PLEASE STOPPPPPPP

SMASH

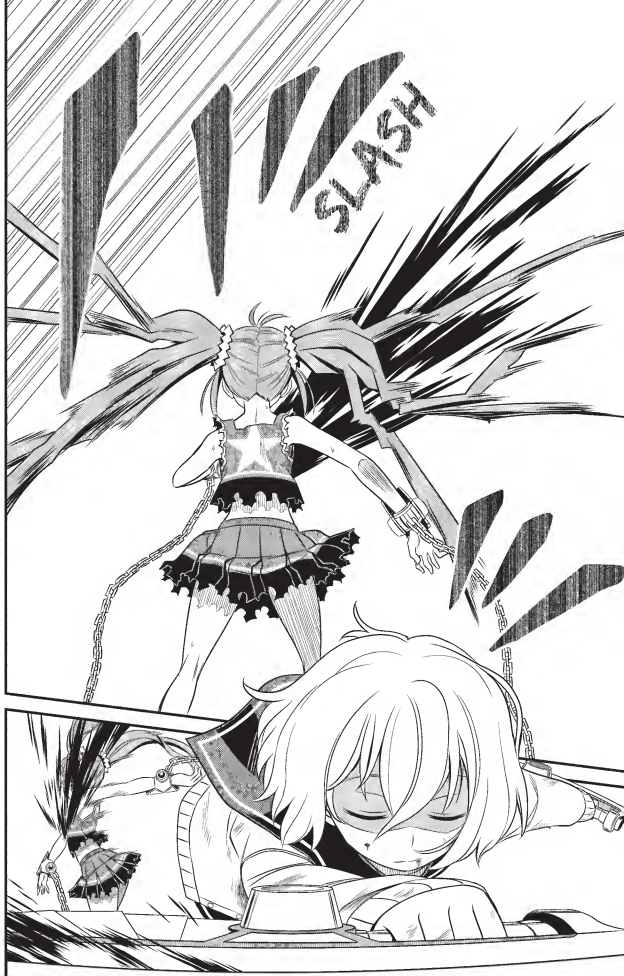
WHUNCH

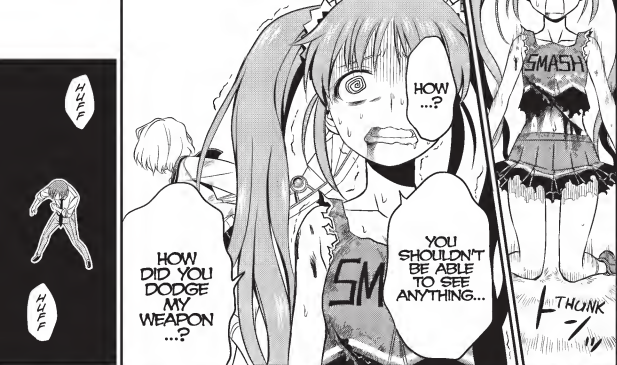
P...

WAY?

NO...

THOOOSH





The opponent
is no
longer
able to
fight.



wobble

JUST
NOW.

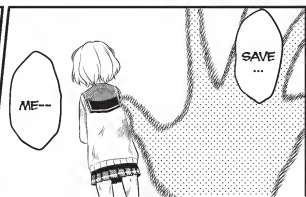
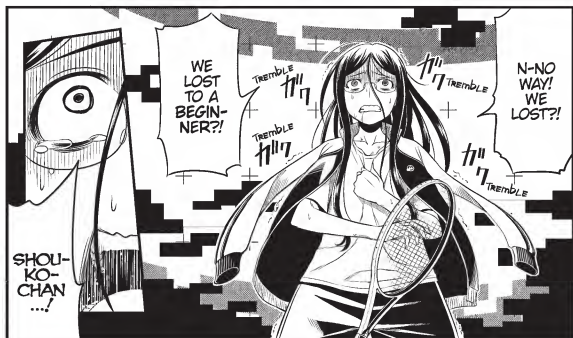
OH!
WHEN
DID YOU
REGAIN
CONSCIOUS-
NESS?!

And so,
for the
loser
LOVE
&STAR--

The winner
is NEW
PLAYER!!

IT IS
GAME
OVER.

SMASH

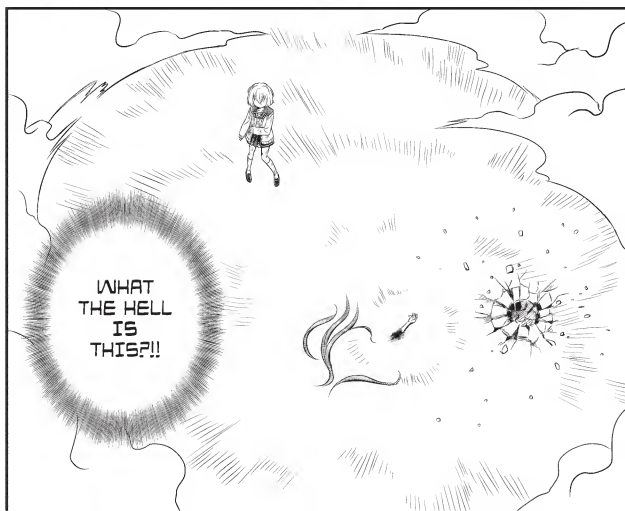
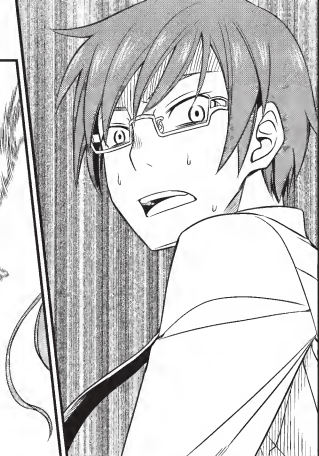




OH!
WHEN
DID YOU
REGAIN
CONSCIOUS-
NESS?!

The winner
is NEW
PLAYER!!

EMASH



THE FATE
OF LOSING
PLAYERS IN
THIS GAME.

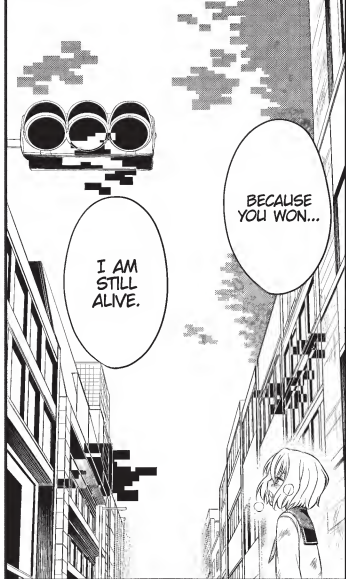
THIS
IS...

DELETE.



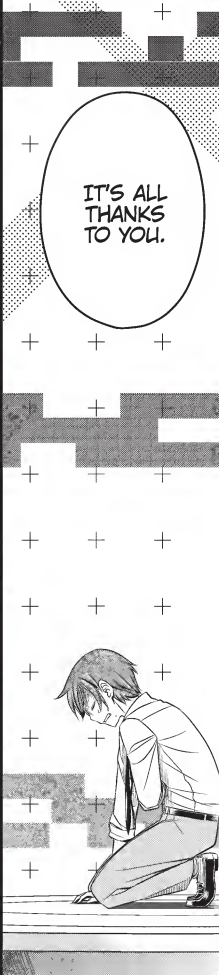
AM
I...

AM I
THE
ONE TO
BLAME?!



I AM
STILL
ALIVE.

BECAUSE
YOU WON...



IT'S ALL
THANKS
TO YOU.



BUT,
LET ME
AT LEAST
SAY
THIS...

I KNOW,
IT SEEMS
SELFISH.



THANK
YOU.

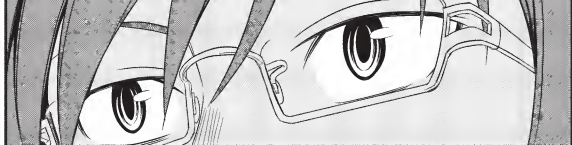
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RESULT	
BASIC BONUS	1000
ENEMY BONUS	1700
DAMAGE PENALTY	-800
DESTROY PENALTY	0
TOTAL POINT	1900



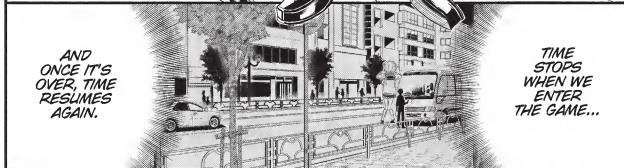


CHAPTER 4





IS THAT
WHAT
HAPPENS?



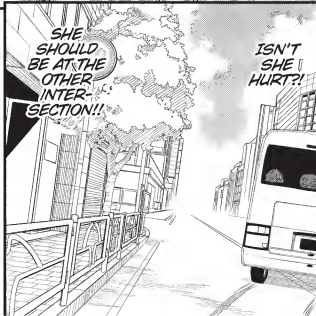
AND
ONCE IT'S
OVER, TIME
RESUMES
AGAIN.

TIME
STOPS
WHEN WE
ENTER
THE GAME...



FLIP!!

FLIP!!



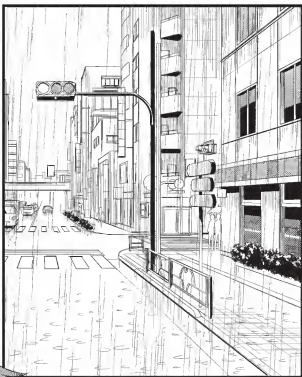
SHE
SHOULD
BE AT THE
OTHER
INTER-
SECTION!!

ISN'T
SHE
HURT?!

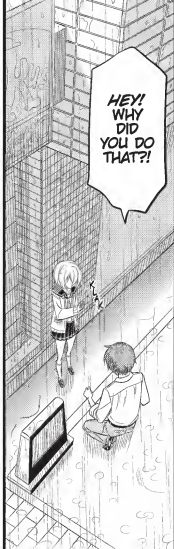


HAH!!

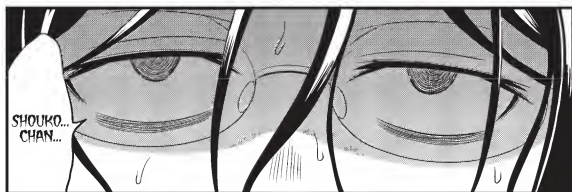
SHAAAA
P P P P P















ONLY
THE
LOSING
AVATAR
GETS
DELETED.

BUT
SHE
WAS
DE-
LETED,
RIGHT
?!

THE
LOSING
PLAYER...



THAT WAS
PROBABLY
THE
PLAYER
WE
FOUGHT.

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

?!



IN
ORDER
TO FILL
THE
EMPTY
SLOT...

GETS
TURNED
INTO THE
NEW
AVATAR.



IS USED
TO BRING
NEW
PLAYERS
INTO THE
GAME.

THAT
NEW
AVATAR...

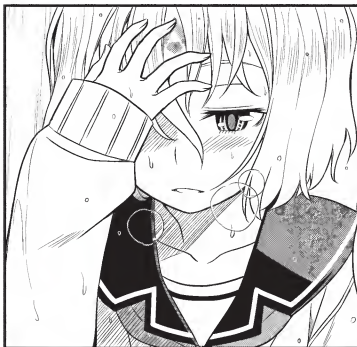


THOSE
ARE THE
RULES...

OF THE
"NOT ALIVE"
GAME.

IF YOU
DON'T GIVE
THE DISC TO
SOMEONE,
IT'S GAME
OVER.

THERE'S
NO WAY
OUT.



FOR THE
LOSER.

A
PUNISH-
MENT
GAME...



NO ONE
CAN FIND
OUT THAT
YOU'RE A
PLAYER.

I WAS
CARE-
LESS.

WOBBLE

TH-THEN
THE DISC
I GOT
WAS
YOURS
?!
?







OH!
THANKS!
YOU'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
THE
BEST!

DON'T
TRY TO
BUTTER
ME UP!

SERIOUSLY,
WHERE
WERE
YOU ALL
DAY?

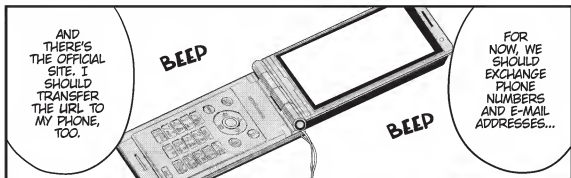


HEY
!!

SEE YA,
ITSUKI!
YOU
REALLY
HELPED
ME OUT!

OH,
AND
ABOUT
THAT
GIRL...

WHAT
KIND OF
RELATION-
SHI--



I GUESS I'LL NEVER KNOW UNLESS I BECOME ONE.

NOT A NORMAL HUMAN, HUH?

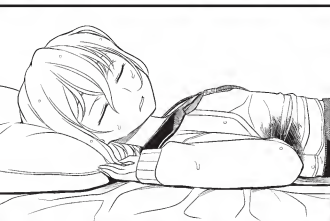
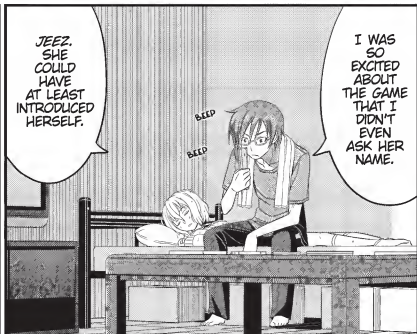


AMAMIYA
KYOUKA.

Your name:

AMAMIYA KYOUKA

Your number:





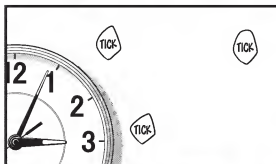
IF YOU
STAY WET
LIKE THAT,
YOU'LL
CATCH
A COLD!

SHAKE

HEY,
YOU
SHOULD
WAKE UP
SOON!



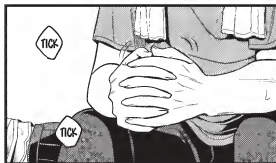
SHAKE



TICK

TICK

TICK



TICK

TICK

OR
IS SHE
FORCED
INTO SLEEP
TO HEAL
HER
WOUNDS?

SHE
MUST BE
EXHAUSTED
FROM THE
FIGHT
EARLIER.

EITHER
WAY,
LOOKS
LIKE SHE
WON'T
WAKE UP
ANYTIME
SOON...







TH-THIS
CAN'T BE
HELPED...

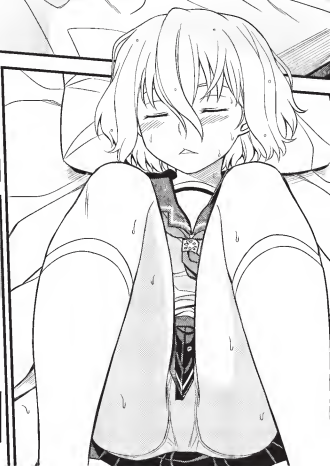
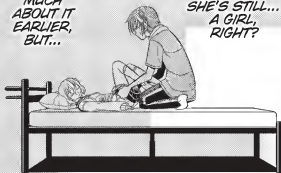
I-I'M
TAKING
THEM
OFF.

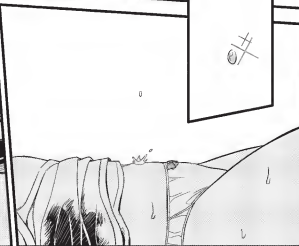
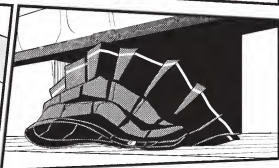
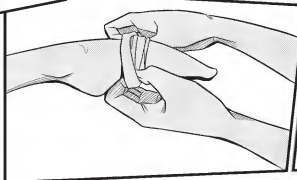
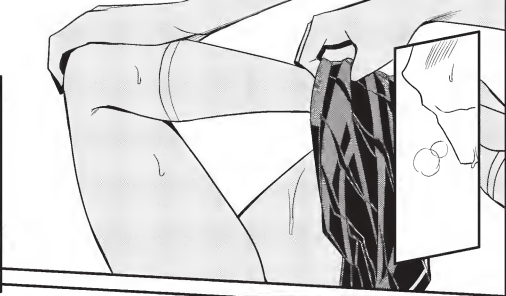
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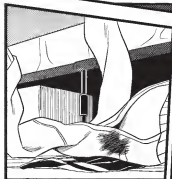
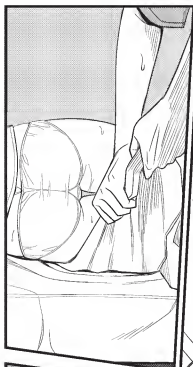


I DIDN'T
REALLY
THINK
MUCH
ABOUT IT
EARLIER,
BUT...

EVEN
THOUGH
SHE'S AN
AVATAR...
SHE'S STILL...
A GIRL,
RIGHT?





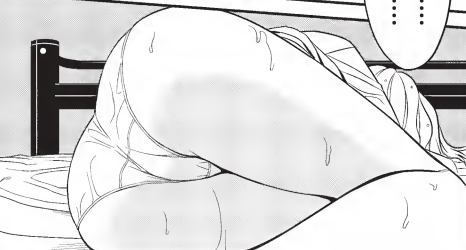


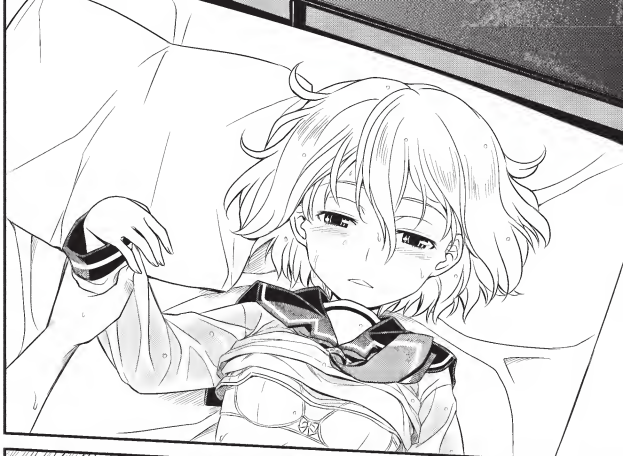
GUESS
SHE WAS
TELLING
THE TRUTH
ABOUT
THAT.

HER
WOUND
IS COM-
PLETELY
GONE!

NOT
THAT I
DIDN'T
BELIEVE
HER...





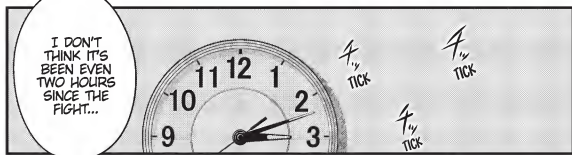
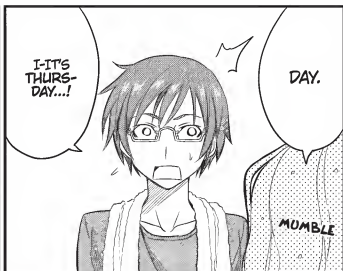


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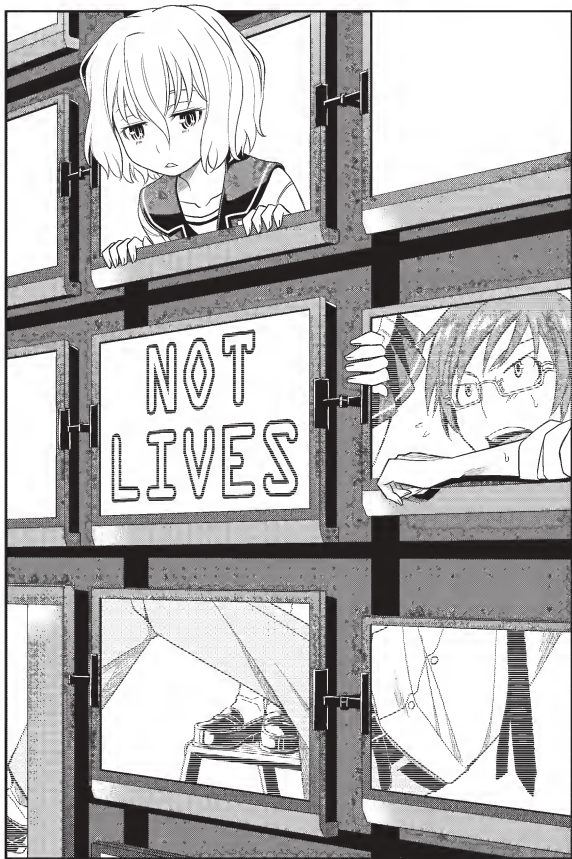






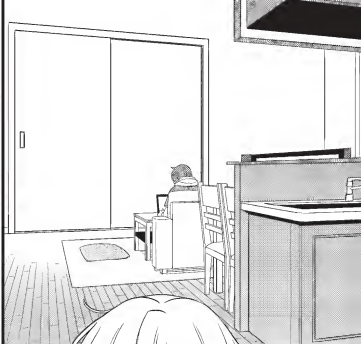






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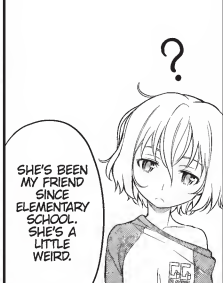
- What happens if it's GAME OVER?
>The avatar is deleted.
The player becomes an avatar.
- What is an avatar?
>A character the player can control. Uses skills to fight





I HAVEN'T TOLD HER. SHE DOESN'T LIKE THAT KIND OF STUFF.

ABOUT THE GAME...



SHE'S BEEN MY FRIEND SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE'S A LITTLE WEIRD.



I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT I WON'T TELL ANYONE.

AND IT'D BE BAD IF OTHER PLAYERS FIND OUT ABOUT ME, RIGHT?

NO ONE CAN FIND OUT THAT YOU'RE A PLAYER.



HEY, YOU PROMISED ME, RIGHT?



SO, CAN I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU GO HOME?





SHIK

INTERFACE CHANGE

WATCHING LICENSE

LAST BATTLE LICENSE

LAST BATTLE LICENSE

P

TOTAL 1900P

Confirm

New Tab

NEXT →

"LAST
BATTLE
LICENSE"?

UNTIL
YOU
CLEAR
THE
GAME.

WHAT
DO I
NEED
TO DO?

Mod

SO, YOU
HAVE TO
BATTLE AND
COLLECT
POINTS
UNTIL
THEN.

IF YOU
BUY THIS
AND WIN,
YOU'LL BE
RELEASED
FROM THE
GAME?

I DON'T
KNOW.

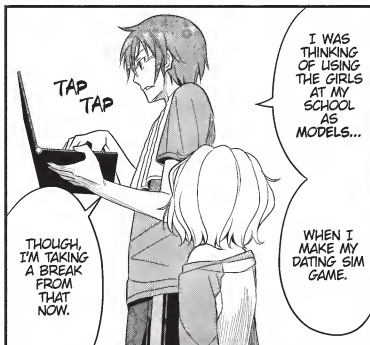
THIS
DOESN'T
SHOW
HOW
MANY
POINTS
YOU
NEED.

IS
THERE
ANOTHER
WAY TO
GET IT
TO--?

HM...?

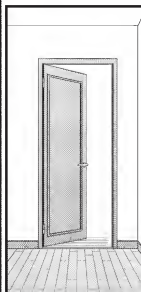








HERE,
STUFF
LIKE
THIS.



THE
OTHERS
...



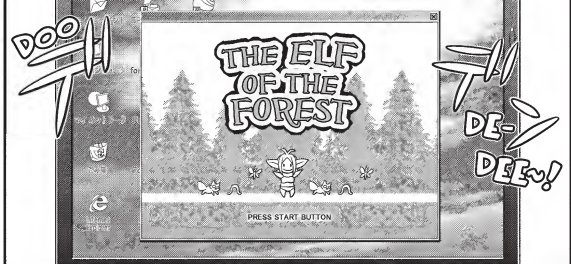
THAT
ONE'S
NOT MY
BEST.



THE ONE
IN YOUR
RIGHT HAND
IS THE FIRST
ONE I SOLD
AT COMIKET.
IT DIDN'T
SELL WELL.

THOSE
ARE ONES
I MADE
FOR MY
SUMMER
FREE
RESEARCH
DURING
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.





HUH?

I WAS
WRONG
ABOUT
YOU.

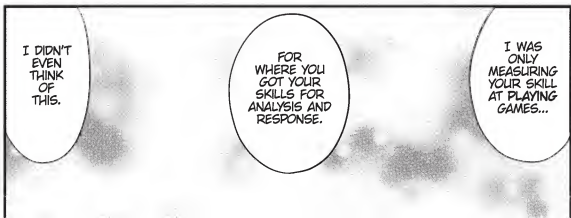


YOUR
SKILL...



IT'S ABOUT
AN ELF THAT
LIVES IN A
FOREST. IT'S A
TOWER DEFENSE
GAME WHERE HE
HAS TO PREVENT
PEOPLE WHO
WANT TO COMMIT
SUICIDE FROM
ENTERING.

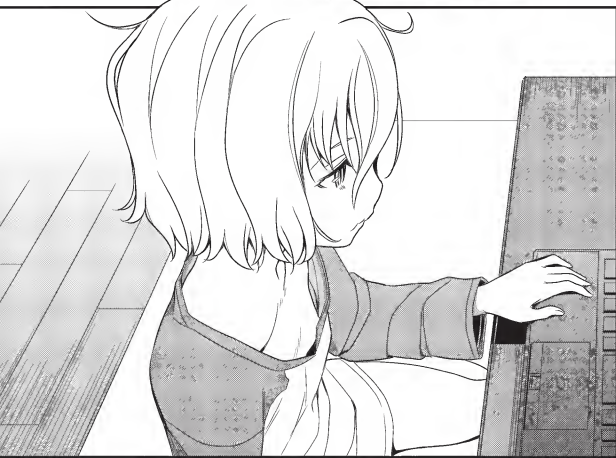
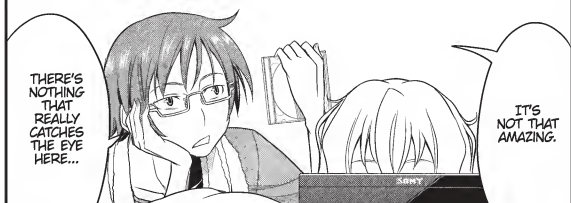
I WAS
SO BAD AT
BALANCING
THINGS
AT THAT
AGE.



I DIDN'T
EVEN
THINK
OF
THIS.

FOR
WHERE YOU
GOT YOUR
SKILLS FOR
ANALYSIS AND
RESPONSE.

I WAS
ONLY
MEASURING
YOUR SKILL
AT PLAYING
GAMES...







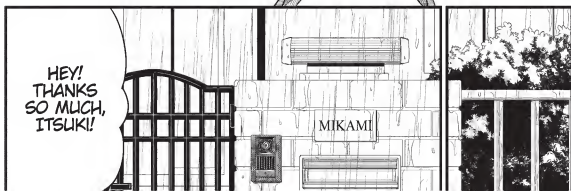


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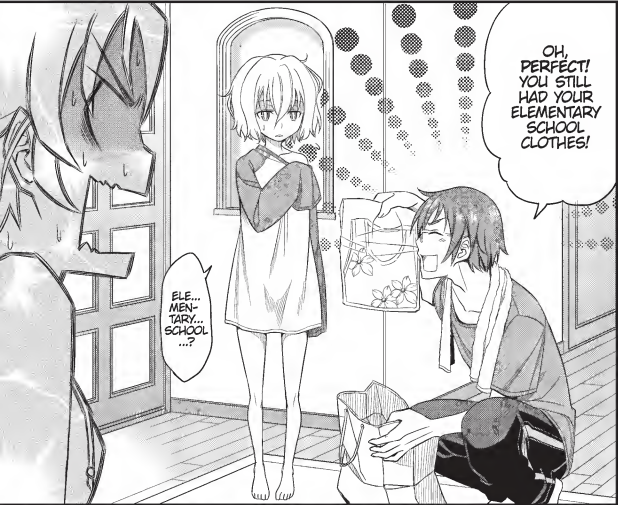
IT'S FUN.

...





SORRY FOR
MAKING YOU
COME OVER
SO MUCH,
EVEN THOUGH
WE LIVE IN
THE SAME
NEIGHBORHOOD!



OH,
PERFECT!
YOU STILL
HAD YOUR
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
CLOTHES!

ELE...
MEN-
TARY...
SCHOOL
...?



WHOA!
WHAT'S
HER
PROB-
LEM?!

DROP
DEAD!!!

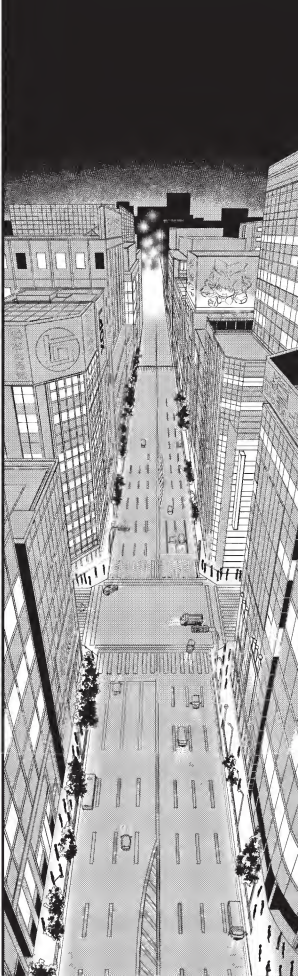
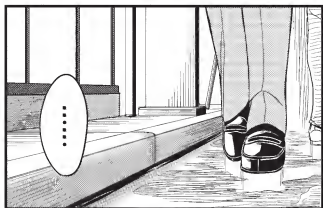
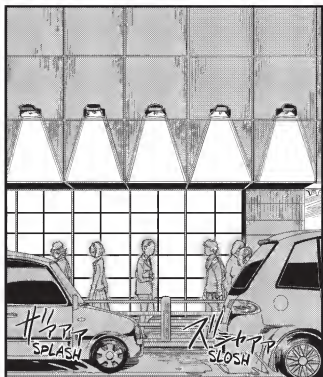


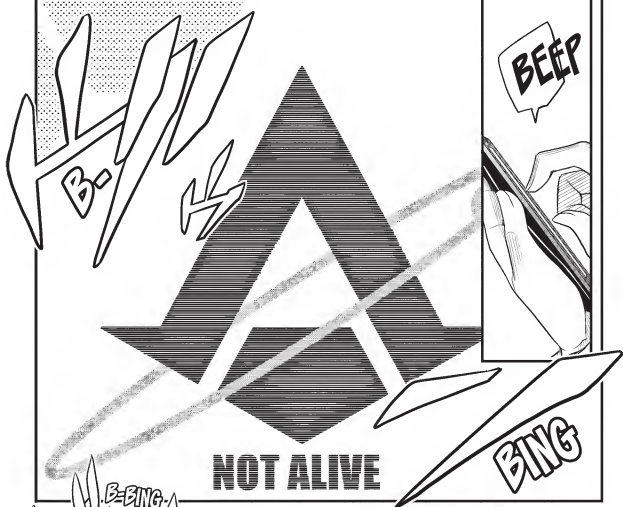
ELE...
MEN-
TARY...

SEE?
IT FITS
YOU
PER-
FECTLY!

DIE...

SHAKE
SHAKE





RE: LOVE&STAR Def

You're talking about the one dressed like a cheerleader, right? I fought with them in a triangle match once. I'm sure they skimped on their skills like they usually do and lost. You reap what you sow.

○ LOVE&STAR Defeated

— Who?

— Novice Hunters

— RE: LOVE&STAR D

— RE: LOVE&STAR

RE: LOVE&STAR Defeat

More importantly what about the "NEW PLAYER" that won? lolololol. Default name. lol.

For starters, LOVE-whatever wasn't that strong. Even if they beat that team...

↑ Idiot comment. These type of people are the ones who lose. Underestimate others and it's over.

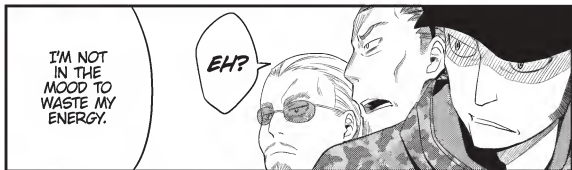
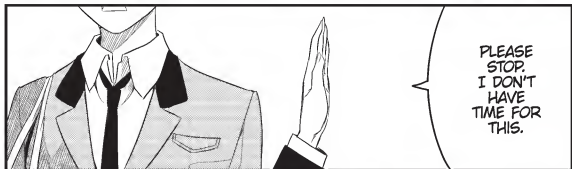
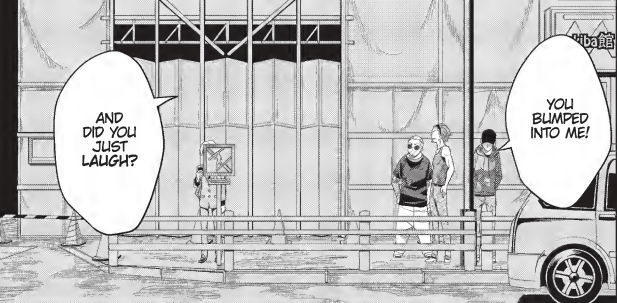
Isn't that the only way to tell novices apart? They aren't even on the rankings yet... Well, amazing that they won. Congratulations to them!
#SideAgainstPicking OnTheWeak

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SHOULD ALWAYS MOVE CAUTIOUSLY.

PFFT.

HEY, YOU!

TONK





"THAT GAME" ALLOWS THE PLAYER SOME LEVEL OF FREEDOM.

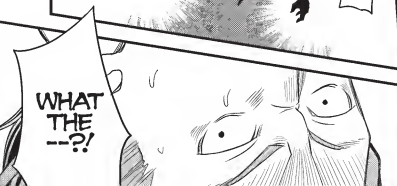
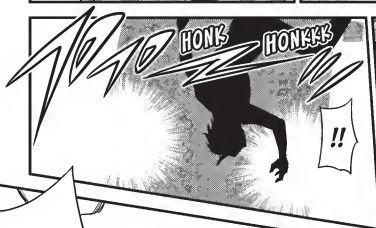
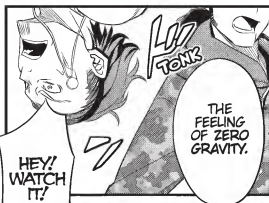
HEY!

MOST SKILLS ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR BATTLE, BUT...



DAM-MIT!

"BALLOON" IS A SKILL THAT LOWERS THE GRAVITY OF A TARGET.





I TOLD
YOU I
DIDN'T
WANT TO
DO THIS.

YOU MADE
ME WASTE
THREE
OF MY
VALUABLE
BALLOON
SKILLS.

SIGH...

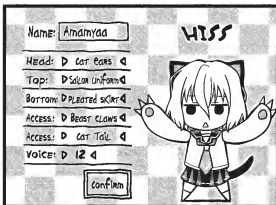
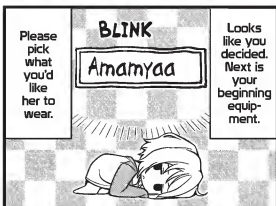
BLING BOONG







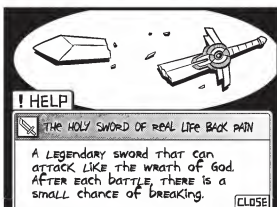
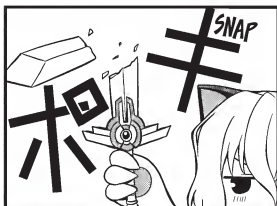
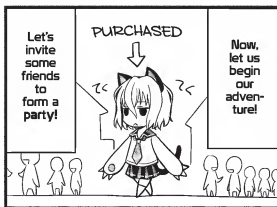
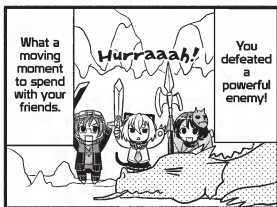
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NOT
LIVES:
Side
Story

Let's Play With the Avatar



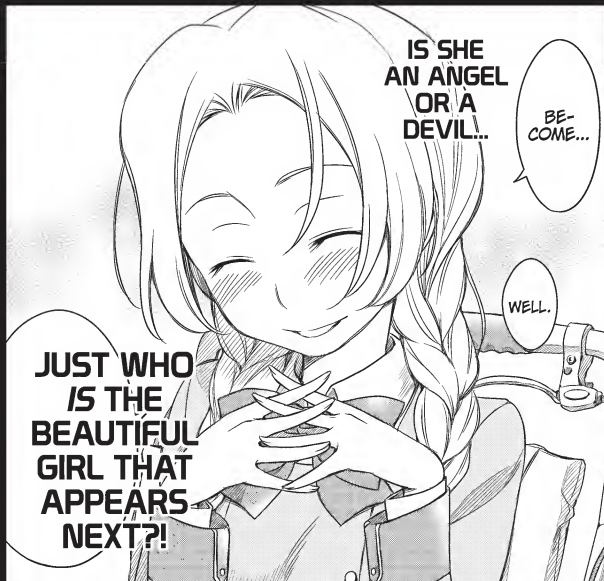


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NEXT VOLUME!!

ON THE NEW STAGE
KNOWN AS SCHOOL...

...THE DISTANCE BETWEEN MIKAMI
AND AMAMIYA CHANGES...?!!



JUST WHO
IS THE
BEAUTIFUL
GIRL THAT
APPEARS
NEXT?!

MEETING WITH A PRETTY GIRL WILL DRAG OUR
PLAYER INTO THE MOST STIMULATING GAME YET!!

NOT LIVES 02

COMING SOON!!



A MYSTERIOUS
BOY WHO
MOVES BEHIND
THE SCENES...
WILL HE
STAND IN
THE WAY AS
MIKAMI'S
NEXT BATTLE
OPPONENT?!



Reaction Speed

Bust Size

Physical Prowess

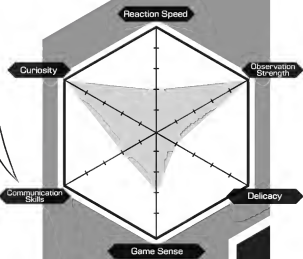
Communication Skills

Sleepiness

Game Sense

Avatar Compatibility: AA

Kyouka Amarya



Player Compatibility: BB

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PLAYER

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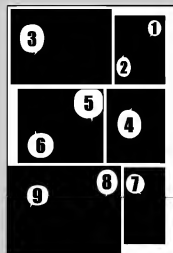
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